

ted on August 1, at about 2am, at Araromi Village, Ikorodu, Lagos.

Nkankuk said the deceased and the ac-

ports that the accused may be sentenced to death on conviction.

The case was adjourned till November 11, for mention.

## A Hoodlums Kill Vigilante Member In Minna

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A member of the vigilante in Maitumbi, a suburb of Minna, Niger State, was yesterday stabbed to death by some hoodlums for allegedly invading their hang-out where they usually smoke Indian hemp.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the vigilante member had gone to one of the notorious hang out spots of the hoodlums in the area earlier, without a police escort and irked by such invasion, the hoodlums regrouped and pursued him to a primary school in the area where they stabbed him to death.

It was learnt that the situation caused serious panic among the pupils in the primary school as the hoodlums left the vigi-

lante in a pool of blood in the school premises.

The Niger state police spokesman, Mr Richard Oguche, who confirmed the incident, said no arrest was made yet as the police was not informed early.

He said preliminary investigation showed that the man was actually stabbed by the hoodlums and was later confirmed dead, assuring that the police would fish out the culprits.

It would be recalled that last year, the Niger State House of Assembly passed into law a Bill giving vigilante groups in the state legal backing and the state Governor, Muazu Babangida Aliyu, assented to the Bill which essence is primarily to assist the police to fight crime