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Father urges police to resolve kids' death at uncle's home

Mr. Samuel Olorunsola, an employee of Vintage Press Limited, whose two children were killed while holidaying at their uncle's home, has some questions for the police and the uncle. JUDE ISIGUZO reports.

CAN a bullet kill two persons simultaneously?

This is the poser Mr. Samuel Olorunsola, an employee of Vintage Press Limited, whose two daughters, Blessing (12) and Tosin (10), were allegedly killed by armed robbers, wants the police to answer.

Blessing, a Junior Secondary School student of Most High College, Beckley Estate and Tosin, a Primary Five pupil of I and A Faithland School, all in Ojokoro, on the outskirts of Lagos, were shot dead by suspected robbers, while holidaying at the home of their uncle, Mr. Ayo Joseph Olorunioba, their mother's younger brother.

"How come it was only the two of my children that the armed robbers killed? There were nine children in that house the day the suspected armed robbers came. Somebody needs to explain the mystery behind this killing to me because I am yet to understand what is going on," a grief-stricken told *The Nation* in an interview at the weekend.

The incident occurred last week at Olorunioba's residence at 32, Akinwowo Street, Egeda in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State.

Olorunioba said nine children of four different families visited Olorunioba, an accountant who recently got married, to spend the long vacation with them.

He said the late Blessing and Tosin arrived at their uncle's place on Au-

gust 31 and they were killed on September 6, under what he considered to be suspicious circumstances.

He wondered why policemen from the Gowon Estate Police Station allegedly refused to visit the scene of the incident and to give permission for the children to be taken to the hospital for treatment since they did not die on the spot.

He said he was insisting that the matter should be properly investigated because he was told that it was only one bullet that was fired by the robbers.

He wondered if a bullet could kill two kids, instead of one.

Olorunsola said though he was not accusing his wife's younger brother of killing the children, he (Olorunioba) should explain to the police how it happened and why it should be only his children that were killed.

He said: "According to what I was told, my children and seven others were in the sitting room watching a programme on television at about 9 pm when the generating set went off. Their uncle was said to have left the sitting room for the corridor where the generating set is to check what the problem was when the robbers came. The robbers, I was told, marched my brother-in-law into the house at gun-point and while he was inside attending to the hoodlums, one of the robbers in the sitting room with the children was said to have fired a shot which killed two of my kids.