

ensure that the kidnappers were apprehended.

"Permit me to state that the kidnap of an Oba in Yoruba land is a sacrilege and a com-

According to him, "the arrest of the suspect is a clear warning to criminal elements that the state government value and cherish the Yoruba tradition and will leave no stone

communities in the state.

"This operation is yielding desirable results and will continue until those criminal activities are completely stamped out," he said.

Commissioner of Police (CP) Mr. Fatai

pressure by the Lagos Command, and the special team of the Inspector-General of Police from Abuja paid off. The most important thing is that Kabiyesi is in his palace.

"As to his state of health, I was with

## Gunman kills carpenter for 'having just N4, 500'

**A** CARPENTER, Mr. Hezekiah Oyewunmi was yesterday shot dead in his one-room apartment by suspected armed robbers, who attacked Olorungebebe Street, Cele area of Egbeda, Lagos.

Oyewunmi was reportedly sleeping with his wife and children when a robber broke into his room demanding money and other valuables around 2am. The family could only produce N4,500 being proceeds of Mrs Remi Oyewunmi pap-making business.

Angered by this, the robber reportedly shot Oyewunmi in the stomach, which led to severe bleeding. *The Nation* learnt the robbery operation was carried out simultaneously as other gang members raided over five buildings in the area.

Some of their victims were left with injuries.

The robbers reportedly fled the scene after some courageous residents mobilised against them.

By Temitayo Ayetoto

Mrs Oyewunmi said she screamed for help after the robbers left but nobody came to her aid because of fear. She said she kept shouting until her husband died.

Her words: "We were sleeping when the robber kicked our door with force. He ordered us to lie on the ground and pointed a gun at us. He demanded for money but my husband said there was no money. He asked again and I told him that the only money with us is the N4,500 from my pap business. He collected it and started asking for more. When my husband could not produce any, he shot him in the stomach and ran away. Immediately I ran out for help but no one came out. My husband told me 'my wife, I will die' but I said 'you won't' and I poured anointing oil on him. Eventually he gave up.

Peace said the police came later to collect his remains and deposited it at the morgue.

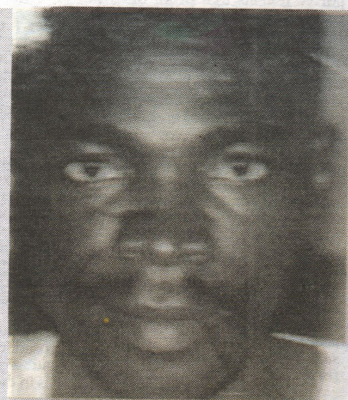
The deceased daughter Peace Oyewunmi said she was shocked by the incidence.

She said: "I feel that my daddy is not waking up again. I was scared when I saw the gun and when he (the robber) shot my daddy. I hope they kill the (robbers) as well."

A co-tenant said it was really sad for the Oyewunmi family as the children have been at home for months due to lack of fund for their school fees.

Another victim said the robbers collected amounts ranging from N3000 and N15,000 from each room.

"They placed the gun on my husband's forehead asking 'where is the gold!' 'Where is the money?' They beat me and I fell down that my baby started crying but they yelled at her to move aside. They collected 15,000 and left us injured. Some people said the robbers acted on information they got that one rich person had just came from abroad to Olotuntoyin but instead of going there, they came to Olorungebebe," the victim said.



•The late Oyewunmi