

① Mum, three kids killed in Lagos

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A WOMAN and her three children were yesterday killed inside an uncompleted church building in Agbowa near Ikorodu, Lagos.

It was gather that they might have been killed by members of a gang known as Badoo, that has been terrorising Ibeshe and environs.

The gang specialises in raping and killing its victims for rituals.

The children aged four, five and nine, were said to have died on the spot. Their mother passed on in hospital.

According to Police Commissioner Fatai Owoseni, the incident occurred between 2am and 3am.

He said investigation had begun into the killing, pledging to get the culprits.

Owoseni said a similar incident occurred recently at Ajilete area of Ikorodu where some people were killed and their blood allegedly sucked by their killers.

He said: "In the early hours of today (yesterday) policemen from Agbowa Police Station received a distress call about the gruesome murder of three persons. Policemen led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) went to the scene of crime, an uncompleted church building.

"Detectives discovered the dead bodies of three children inside. A woman was rescued alive with multiple injuries. The woman later died in a hospital. The detectives later discovered that the woman was the mother of the three kids.

"I have directed that those behind the gruesome murder be fished out. Presently, we do not know the reason behind this one, but I assure you that we will soon get to the root of the matter.

"Although we do not want to make assumptions or draw conclusions, there are reasons to believe that the criminal elements that used to attack people at Ibeshe might have relocated. We will get to the root of it."

② Truck crushes journalist to death

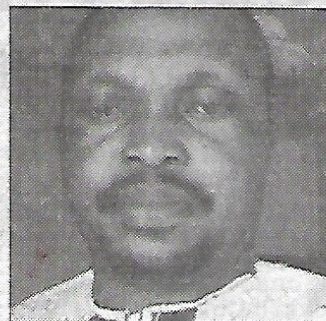
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paper.

He is the second maritime journalist to die in one week.

Last Saturday, another maritime reporter, Kayode Atofolaki of the New Nigerian Newspaper died in Kwara State after a brief illness.

Both men were married with children and left behind aged parents.



The late Agbolade

A SPEEDING truck crushed a maritime reporter, Segun Agbolade, to death yesterday in the Trinity area of Apapa, Lagos. Agbolade, popularly known as Effisy, was riding on a motorcycle, popularly called 'Okada' on his way out of the Apapa gridlock when the accident occurred.

The deceased, an alumnus of Lagos State Polytechnic, worked with Sky Times news-

Police arrest 14 kidnap suspects in one day

POLICE arrested 19 suspected kidnappers; recovered 18 guns, 26 live ammunition and 22 vehicles in Lagos State last month.

Police Commissioner Fatai Owoseni told reporters yesterday that 14 of the suspects were arrested on Tuesday, after their gang allegedly abducted two private guards at Adebayo Market in Bariga.

Some gunmen stormed the market and whisked away the private guards, whom they accused of preventing them from gaining access to the place.

They took their victims to a place known as Ososa from where the police rescued them.

According to Owoseni, the suspects were being shielded from the media because efforts were on to apprehend their accomplices.

He said they would be paraded and charged to court after investigation.

The commissioner said acting on tip off, police prevented 20 crimes.

Praising his men for smashing interstate robbery syndicates, arresting suspects and rescuing victims, he said: "Police got 25 distress calls in February and through quick responses, 20 were successfully prevented. Within the same period, 24 armed robbery suspects and 19 suspected kidnappers were arrested. 14 of the kidnappers were arrested yesterday (Tuesday) at Bariga.

"Eight suspected cultists were arrested. A robbery suspect died in the course of battle with police. 18 guns were



•Some Items recovered from the suspects by the police

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recovered with 26 rounds of live ammunition, while 22 different cars were recovered from criminal elements."

According to Owoseni, a Toyota Highlander snatched from its owner in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital was recovered and the victim rescued. Three suspects, he said, were apprehended, adding that the suspects and exhibits have been transferred to the Oyo State Command.

He denied that one Tope died in police custody at Lion Building on Monday, insisting that the only person found to be ill among them arrested during a raid was released to his parents.

According to Owoseni, the suspect, Kayode Olasunkanmi, was found to be asthmatic and he was immediately handed over to his parents who took him home with them.

He said: "There is no person with the name Tope that was arrested during the raid on Lagos Island. Of the 187 per-

sons arrested, one Kayode Olasunkanmi was discovered to be ill during screening and he was taken to hospital. His parents were contacted and they disclosed that he was asthmatic and that they usually used local methods to treat him. The young man was released to his parents. His parents are here to speak for themselves. The young man is still alive. No Tope was arrested during the raid and no one died inside Lion Building.

"Also, the police did not use lethal weapons on the people. Instead, a policeman was injured in the course of the mayhem. The people who crowded Lion Building are beneficiaries of hooliganism and street fighting in the area, who were displeased and the suspects were charged to court.

"Of the 187 suspects arrested, 63 were released during screening because they have credible means of livelihood. The remaining 124 were charged to court and 112 were convicted."

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