

# GUNMEN KILL DPO IN ILESA

**TRAGEDY** struck weekend in Ilesa, when a Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was killed by unknown gunmen.

The police officer, attached to Ijamo police station in Ilesa East Local Government Area of Osun, was identified as Tajudeen Salawu.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) learnt that the DPO, who was leading a patrol team, was ambushed by the assailants who opened fire on patrol team in the early hours of Saturday.

According to the report, members of the patrol team

engaged the assailants in a gun battle for some minutes before the DPO was reportedly hit by a bullet.

The patrol team, however, succeeded in killing one of the assailants before they fled.

The Police spokesman, Mr

Joshua Olayemi, confirmed the shooting and said that 20 suspects, including some members of the community's vigilante group, had been arrested.

The body of the slain DPO has been deposited at the state General Hospital in Ilesa, while

those that sustained gunshot injuries are receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr John Moronike, who also visited the scene of the incident, condemned the action of the hoodlums.

## '16,000 went for voluntary AIDS test'

*From ZAILANI BAPPA,  
Bauchi*

ONLY 16,000 of the estimated 4.6 million people in Bauchi State have offered themselves for voluntary test and counseling against HIV/AIDS,

wife of the state governor and founder of A.D. Rufai foundation, Hajiya Mariya Isa Yuguda has said.

She said in a message at the opening ceremony of a one-day workshop on HIV/AIDS for the newly posted National

disease through adequate information mobilization and counseling throughout the state, adding that her foundation would also be used in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the state.

"The A D Rufai foundation