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ARMED BANDITS KILL SECURITYMAN

From RAYMOND
TEDUNJAYE, Lagos

A MIDDLE aged security man was on Monday morning shot dead by unknown armed bandits in Lagos Island for obstructing their robbery operation, just as residents in the metropolis appealed to the State Governor, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola and the Commissioner of Police, Lagos Command to come to their aid to rid the areas of criminal activities.

The deceased identified as Musa was a leader of the private security men who protect the wares and shops at Alakoro area of Ebute-Ero in the metropolis at night.

It was reliably gathered that the bandits had raided four shops in the area penultimate weeks and catered away money and goods worth millions of naira, later came four days later to do same when Musa and his security team chased them away.

"This makes the bandits who were said to be youths including female members to re-visit the area at about 2.10am to ambush Musa who was on patrol around the area and told him that he has been disturbing them", the source narrated.

He revealed further that an

argument ensued between them, where the robbers shot him without success, "Sensing that they have outnumbered him, he took to him heels, but the robbers pursued him to a corner where he was lynched until blood started coming out from his head and later shot him twice from back until he gave up the ghost.

"The armed bandits also intended to take away his dead body but later abandoned the idea because other members of the security team who did not see his return became suspicious and were calling his name, which made the bandits to flee", he added.

However, the killing of Musa was the seventh operations by the armed bandits did on the Island in the last two weeks where three persons were killed and about eight victims suffered serious injuries from gun shots and beating received from them.

It would be recalled that an Islamic scholar, 'Alfa Arigbabuwo' who was returning home after a spiritual cleanse of a Policeman at midnight was shot severally by some unknown armed bandits who were breaking some shops at Sawyer Street, off Alli Street, Lagos last two weeks, but survived the attack urgent medical attention

Also, a Vice principal of a government school, residing at Pashi Street, off Obe Street, his wife and their real target who was said to have brought home N1million, his two children and wife were beaten to the state of coma after taking the money and their personal effects.

Another victim of the robbery incident was at Obe Street junction where the armed robbers invaded a newly constructed one-storey building through ladder and catered away undisclosed amount of money and property of the owner at midnight after beating him, wife and two daughters to a state of coma.

The new development on the Island which many people thought that was save from robbery sent panicking to the residents who are now planning to relocate to other parts of the state that is secured.

Gathering at the Fidu prayer organised for late Musa who was learnt to be preparing for marriage on 24th July, 2011 at Ilorin, Kwara State and father of three, residents rained curse on his killers and called on Governor Fashola and the Commissioner of Police, Lagos command to intensify more efforts in combing the Island of the bandits.

One of the residents who prayed anonymity said, "We don't even know what to do now, because Lagos Island that everybody always struggled to live, even with the high rate of house rent fare is no more safe".

"We are appealing to Governor Fashola who has pledged to us during his

campaign that he would make Lagos safe for us and the Commissioner of Police, Lagos Command to come to our rescue by directing their security machineries to give Lagos Island 24 hours security and comb area to area, house to house to get rid of the criminals", he appealed.

He added, "We know that that there are some parents of this youths who engaged in the nefarious activities and harboured them and nobody dare go to the police station to report them, because the name of the person will be revealed to the robbers by some corrupt policemen and the person will later be dealt with"

Katsina spends ₦28m on Islamiyya school teachers' allowances monthly

From SULAIMAN
AHMED MISAU, Katsina

In the cause of integration of Quranic Schools in Katsina State, the State Government since 2009 has been spending over 28 million Naira monthly as allowances to 414 Islamiyya School teachers in all the 34 local government areas of the state.

A director in the State Agency for Mass Education and UNICEF Focal Person Hajiya Adama Sule Bakori disclosed this at a two day training on harmonized Integrated Qur'anic Education in Katsina.

The training she said, was organized by Katsina State Agency for Mass Education in collaboration with UNICEF and proprietors as well as facilitators from various Qur'anic schools across the state.

She said the objective of the training was to enable Integrated Qur'anic Education proprietors and facilitators in the state to acquire knowledge and skills for the implementation of the Integrated Qur'anic Education curriculum.

Also in an address, the UNICEF Representative, Alhaji Aliyu Yahaya Maiyama called on participants at the training to adhere strictly to the harmonized curriculum.

He said that UNICEF in collaboration with the state government has provided adequate logistics for the successful conduct of the training.

Alhaji Aliyu Maiyama said on its part UNICEF has contributed 557,000 naira for the training.

Earlier in an address of welcome Alhaji Lawal Mamman Kofar Bai said the training will encompass Qur'anic schools in the 34 local government areas in the state to prepare them for formal schools.

He charged the participants at the training to listen to what they have been taught and present it to their respective Qur'anic schools.