

Gunmen kill journalist in Kaduna

As hoodlums accuse police of killing 5

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A THE peace in Unguwan Dosa suburb of Kaduna was shattered on Friday night when gunmen shot and killed the General Manager of a Kaduna-based weekly newspaper, the **New Democrat**, Malam Uztaz Yunus Adam, throwing the area into fear and confusion.

He was buried according to Islamic injunction on Saturday at the Unguwan Dosa Muslim cemetery.

He was shot on the head by the gunmen after he broke his fast at about 7.15 pm inside his residence located in Ungwa Dosa area of Kaduna North Local Government area of Kaduna State.

Close neighbours said the gunmen who were about 7 in number, stormed the area in Rickshaws, popularly called **Keke NAPEP**, and one amongst them who wore a mask, shot and killed the deceased.

Spokesman of the Kaduna state Police Command, SP Aminu Lawan who confirmed the incident, said it was a robbery attack.

"It was a case of armed robbery, the robbers came and demanded for some items from the man, they

collected some items and thereafter shot him dead.

"The police have already commenced investigation into the robbery and killing and will not leave any stone unturned to apprehend the perpetrators," he said.

Another neighbour, who craved for anonymity, said: "Please I don't want my name mentioned, the man was my neighbour. Shortly after the prayer for breaking of the fast was called, he went to the mosque and prayed, then came back to break his fast and went inside the bathroom to ease himself only to come back to meet his family with the group of seven young men with his wife. One of them wore a mask and it was the one wearing the mask that actually shot him after ordering the family members into a room. They came in a **Keke NAPEP** and zoomed off thereafter, not carting away any of their property."

Reacting to the news of Adam's death, the publisher of the **New Democrat Newspaper**, Senator Mukhtar Ahmed Aruwa, described the deceased as a fine gentle man who will be missed.

According to him, "it

cannot be a case of armed robbery; they did not take anything from his house. They only took away their phones. I will ensure that the police carry out a thorough investigation into the killing."

Hoodlums accuse police of killing 5 in Lagos

B Five people were between Friday night and early Saturday feared dead as hoodlums clashed with policemen at Ajegunle area of Ikorodu Expressway in Lagos State

The police in the state, however, denied that anybody was shot by policemen from the command and that 23 members of the hoodlums had been arrested

The crisis created serious confusion and traffic gridlock along Ikorodu Road as the hoodlums blocked the expressway on Saturday morning, before they were dispersed by anti-riot policemen

Sunday Tribune gathered that the irate hoodlums were protesting the death of two of their colleagues, who were reportedly shot dead by policemen on Friday night

They claimed that a team of policemen had raided a suspected criminal hide-out around Ajegunle River and were chasing some of the hoodlums when they opened fire on them.

A resident of Majidun area, who simply identified himself as Dapo, told the **Sunday Tribune** that there was heavy gunshots by policemen to disperse the hoodlums on Saturday morning

RAMADAN MESSAGE

O you who believe! Follow not the footsteps of Shaitan. And whosoever follows the footsteps of Shaitan, then, verily, he commands Al-Fahsha (to commit indecency) and Al-Munkar (disbelief and polytheism). And had it not been for the Grace of Allah and His Mercy on you, not one of you would ever be pure from sins. But Allah purifies (guides to Islam) whom He wills, and Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

—Surat An-Nur verse 21