



From left, Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) of Police, Dan'azumi Doma; acting Inspector-General of Police, Solomon Arase and DIG Mamman Tsafe, during Arase's inaugural conference with strategic police managers in Nigeria at the Force Headquarters, in Abuja, on Wednesday. PHOTO: NAN

Police chief escapes assassination in Nasarawa Aide killed

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THE Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Nasarawa State, Mr Ibrahim Tarfa, on Wednesday morning, narrowly escaped assassination, as he was riddled with bullets, when gunmen suspected to be assassins invaded his private residence in Lafia, the state capital.

Credible sources told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the incident, which happened at his private residence around Lorem Hotel, on Shendam Road, at exactly 2:00 a.m., left one of his aides, a corporal, dead, while his AK47 rifle was also taken away by the gunmen.

Investigations further revealed that the gunmen, who gained entrance to the compound through the fence, shot the late aide dead, due to his resistance to lead them to his boss' room.

Informed top police

sources confided in the *Nigerian Tribune* that as Mr Tarfa was approaching the door, the gunmen riddled him with bullets, believing that he had died. He was said to have been rescued by a combined team of State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) and Operation Nasara.

In a related development, some gunmen, on Tuesday

night, attacked the policemen guarding the ongoing construction of multi-million naira private hospital of a member of the House of Representatives from the state, Honourable Haruna Kigbu.

It was further learnt that all the officers posted to the site were Eggon by tribe.

Honourable Kigbu, an Eggon by tribe, who rep-

resents Lafia/Obi federal constituency under the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), lost to the candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) during the just-concluded presidential/National Assembly elections in the state.

After the invasion, all their rifles were taken away by the gunmen.

FCTA clears air on 74 new traffic lights in Abuja

IN its efforts to enhance free flow of traffic and reduce auto crashes in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), in collaboration with Chinese authorities, has embarked on installation of 74 additional solar-powered traffic lights at several intersections within the Federal Capital City (FCC), Gwarinpa District and Kubwa.

Clearing the air over the

ongoing city facelift initiative, the special adviser on media to the FCT Minister, Mr Nosike Ogbuenyi, in a statement on Wednesday, said the installations and rehabilitations were not a case of an attempt to complete an abandoned project as wrongly alleged in some quarters.

"The truth is that the FCT Administration had conceived a programme of signalling all the major inter-

sections within the Federal Capital City plus Gwarinpa and Kubwa and in furtherance of that initiative, the FCTA entered into collaboration with the Chinese Government," he said.

According to Ogbuenyi, "it is not a contract but a donation and collaboration between the FCTA and the Chinese government, which also involves the National Planning Commission."