

...sunday in Asaba on Tuesday. PHOTO: NAN

4 suspects arrested for tricycle riders' death in Delta

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FOUR persons including a spray painter have been arrested by the police in Asaba, Delta State, over the death of two commercial tricycle riders.

Metro gathered that decomposing bodies of Abubakar Suleman and Hamza Abdulahi were discovered in the bush along the Asaba/Benin highway near the old governor's office by a police

The policeman was said to have gone to a mechanic workshop to repair his car when he perceived an offensive odour from the bush and when probed further, he discovered the corpses which attracted the attention of residents of the neighbourhood.

Following the discovery, the northern community members protested at the weekend, alleging that a number of their members who were tricycle riders had been killed and their tricycles stolen.

The police were said to have arrested four suspects, including a spray painter, when a tricycle belonging to one of the deceased was found in his workshop in

Asaba.

Confirming the report on Tuesday, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andy Aniamaka, said tricycle riders should be conscious of

their safety, especially at night.

According to him, the police would not relent in bringing the perpetrators to book.

Tailor accused of armed robbery gets bail

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A 30-year-old tailor, Muhammad Hassan, who was arraigned in court for armed robbery, was on Tuesday granted bail by an Ebute Metta Magistrate Court.

Hassan was granted N250,000, bail with two responsible sureties, after his lawyer, Alli Aba, had argued that the police failed in linking him with the offences.

The lawyer also added that the police only cooked up the charges in order to keep his client in prison without any justifiable or probable reasons.

The police had filed a remand application before the

court against the tailor on alleged two-count charge of armed robbery and robbery.

According to the police, the tailor, who practices his business at Idi-Araba, Lagos, and others at large, had on December 24, 2016, at about 1.30a.m., at Gbaja Street, Surulere, robbed a driver of a wine coloured Toyota RAV4 with registration number EKY 603 BJ valued at N2.5 million, a Samsung J7 phone valued at N105, 000, Samsung phone valued at N110, 000, and a silver necklace valued at N100,000.

The offences, according to the police, are punishable under Section 259(a).

But Alli Aba in his argu-

ment stated that there was no nexus between the remand application and his client.

He further stated that there was discrepancy between the date of the offence as stated in the charge sheet and the remand application.

He pointed out that while the date of the offence read December 24, 2016 on the charge sheet, it read January 10, 2017, on the remand application.

He also stated that on the remand application, the police stated that no weapons were found in the custody of the defendant, while they had completed their investigation.