

OLA, Uvawale Musa and the Director, Administration and Human Resources LASTMA, Bamidele Adeniran, during the raincoat presentation at the LASTMA office on Thursday. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA.

court as soon as investigation was completed on their cases.

Traditional chief, 7 others killed in Plateau

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AN air of apprehension currently pervades Bokkos Local Government Area of Plateau State following the killing of a traditional chief, Haruna Merren, who

was the Galadima Manguna, and three others. Also, another four persons were killed in a robbery incident in the same local government.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the gunmen,

numbering about seven, killed Merren, who was recently installed as the Galadima, at about 8:36p.m. on Wednesday at his pharmaceutical shop in Tadai village of the local government.

A source close to the scene of the incident said the gunmen shot the traditional chief at close range, while also killing three other people identified as Mashat Bala, Benjamin Rafan and Idi Bucho,

within the vicinity before they fled.

The death of the traditional chief and three others has thrown Manguna into confusion, as people of the community who are predominantly farmers have abandoned their farms.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Terna Tyopen, said, "some people were killed in Bokkos; the information before me is still sketchy, but I will get back to you."

In a related development, there was also a robbery incident in the early hours of Wednesday also in Bokkos Local Government Area of the state, which led to the death of four people, while three others sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The Information Officer of Operation Safe Haven in charge of security in the state, who confirmed the robbery to the *Nigerian Tribune*, said the command was yet to get the details of the incident.

Abia police arrest armed robber at Calabar FRSC vehicle registration unit

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THE Abia State Police Command has arrested a suspected armed robber who had been on the run since April 7 in Calabar, Cross River State.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Leye Oyebade, who revealed this while parading suspected criminals in the state at the police headquarters, said Obioma Onwuchekwa (31), was involved in an armed robbery incident in Aba, where he stole a Toyota Highlander Jeep from its owner.

"The suspect then fled to Calabar, Cross River State, where he tried to re-regis-

ter the vehicle.

"He was then arrested by a team of detectives attached to the Anti-Kidnapping unit and state CIID, Umuahia at the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) office in Calabar.

"The suspect had robbed one Jeff Omadewu of Aba/Owerri Road, Aba, on April 7, along MCC Road, Aba, and police had been trailing the suspect ever since," Oyebade said.

Two suspects, Samuel Akoma and Kenneth Ananaba, were also arrested at a hotel in Aba after they kidnapped one Kelvin Chijioke Woju.

"The suspects who collected N3 million ransom

from the victim before releasing him, were arrested by the command's Dragon

Squad on July 27, and they have confessed to their crime," Oyebade said.

Army holds range classification exercise at 2 Div

BY OLUWATOYIN MALIK

THE 2 Division of the Nigerian Army has said that it will conduct range classification exercise on Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19 at its headquarters at the Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment range, Ibadan.

Disclosing this in a press release, the Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Ezindu Idimah, said

that the exercise was to train officers of 2 division Garrison in weapon handling for the forthcoming Inter Brigade Proficiency Competition 2017, scheduled to hold between August 21 and 25 at 4 Brigade, Nigerian Army, Benin, Edo State.

He enjoined communities living around the cantonment not to panic at the sound of weapons, while he advised them to also avoid range areas.