

Some of the motorcycles seized by officials of the Lagos Task Force at the weekend for violating the state government's restriction order.  
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# Saudi Arabia-based oil expert shot dead in Kogi

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GUNMEN, on Saturday night, killed a Saudi Arabia-based oil expert, Oga-cheko Atanu, at his residence in Idah, Kogi State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at about 11:00 p.m., when the deceased was about retiring to bed.

It was also gathered that when the assassins stormed the compound of the late Atanu, he was asked to say his last prayers before he was shot repeatedly.

The victim's elder brother, Mr Ukubile Atanu, who is a lecturer with the Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, con-

firmed the incident during a telephone interview with the *Nigerian Tribune* on Sunday.

Mr Atanu charged security agencies to bring the killers of his younger brother to book.

He said: "When they (gunmen) entered his compound at about 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, they told him to say his last prayers before they killed him. He told them that he would give them money so that they could spare his life, but they refused. That was how he was shot repeatedly. They didn't touch the gateman.

"After he was killed, his gateman went straight to

the police station to report the incident. I must tell you, this is another black day in our family. Those behind this evil act must be brought to book."

It was further learnt that the deceased, who is survived by four children and an 80-year-old mother, was billed to travel to Abuja on Sunday from where he will fly back to Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP William Aya, who confirmed the incident to the *Nigerian Tribune*, said the command received a report about the assassination at about 5:00 a.m. on Sunday.

"The security man of the

deceased reported the incident at the Idah police division today (Sunday) at about 5:00 a.m. Unknown masked men numbering about four entered the compound of the deceased through the fence.

"They told the security man to open the gate while the deceased was relaxing with his friend inside the compound. The gunmen told all of them to lie down. They later told the owner of the house to stand up and shot him. His body had been moved to the mortuary for autopsy and effort is being intensified to get the perpetrators of this evil act," Aya said.

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