

Robbery suspects machete policeman to death

Francis Falola, Minna

A gang of robbery suspects, on Monday, killed an Assistant Superintendent of Police attached to the Niger State Command, Mr. Yussuf Bagi.

Bagi, 44, it was gathered, was macheted to death while chasing the robbery suspects who have been terrorising residents of Tunga in Minna.

The eldest son of the deceased, Israel, said his father serving in Bosso Police Division, came out around 2am following the raiding of the area by a the robbery suspects and chased them in an attempt to arrest them.

Other residents of the area later decided to join him in the chase.

The were however shocked to find the officer lying down in pool of blood a few metres away from his residence.

The officer from Bagi town in Kafinkoro Local Government Area of the state, it was learnt, died from the multiple machete cuts received on his

skull, chest and other parts of his body.

His remains had been deposited at the Minna General Hospital.

Israel said the raid on the area by the robbery suspects resulting to the death of his father was the second in the last one week.

He described his father as a courageous man, who sacrificed himself in protecting the lives and properties of the people of the area.

Area boys on the rampage, injure policeman

Olalekan Adetayo

A police inspector, Mr. Phillip Esson, is now receiving treatment following the injury he sustained during a bloody clash between suspected social miscreants popularly called *area boys* and members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers in Ogolonto, a suburb of Lagos.

Esson was said to have led the police team that was drafted to the scene to invite the feud-

The Commissioner of Police, the Niger State Command, Mr. Oliver Osichukwu, regretted the incident.

Osichukwu, who has just taken over from Mr. Ernest Ibhaze as the state police boss, promised that the police would pay all necessary entitlements of the slain officer.

He assured the public that the police would intensify efforts in ridding the state of criminals.

ing parties on Monday.

The policeman and some members of the NURTW who sustained various degrees of injuries are said to be responding to treatment.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, told our correspondent on Wednesday that trouble started when Idiroko *area boys* took to the street in Ogolonto in protest against the death of a yet-to-be iden-