

Police arrest four suspects for murders

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THE police in Lagos said on Sunday that they had arrested two suspects over the death of a man, who was allegedly stabbed during a fight on November 16.

The main suspect in the murder, identified as Sunday Usoho, is, however, still being wanted by the police.

The suspect had a quarrel with the deceased, Elijah Samuel, on David Street, Satellite Town on the fateful day.

During the fight, which broke out after a verbal altercation between both men, Usoho allegedly seized a knife and stabbed Samuel on his genitals.

Sympathisers rushed the victim to the Navy Hospital in Satellite Town, but he reportedly died moments after his admission.

In a similar occurrence, two persons have been arrested in connection with the killing of a man identified as Abiodun Lasisi.

Lasisi allegedly died after receiving a blow from one Sunday (surname unknown) popularly called Olowo, during a fight at Adegboyega Street, Ilupeju, Lagos.

Our correspondent learnt that Lasisi gave out a television set to one Akin Adeyinka for repairs.

But Adeyinka did not complete the job on

schedule.

During one of Lasisi's visits to Adeyinka's shop, an argument ensued between the duo in the presence of Sunday.

The argument, it was learnt, became tough and Sunday allegedly landed a blow on Lasisi's chest. The recipient of the blow went down unconscious.

Lasisi, it was gathered, was later taken to a native hospital in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State, when he failed to recover from the shock he suffered after the blow.

He reportedly died in that hospital. After his death, his brother, Akinbu, reported the in-

cident to the police at Ilupeju.

Policemen from Ilupeju division visited the scene of incident and during their investigation, they arrested two persons suspected to have a hand in the fight.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed both incidents to our correspondent on Sunday.

Ojajuni said the cases had been referred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.

Drug: Saudi beheads Nigerian, Pakistani

A Nigerian and a Pakistani convicted of drug smuggling were beheaded with the sword in Saudi Arabia on Sunday, the interior ministry said.

Kol Mohammad Ibrahim Mohammad, a Pakistani national, and Nigerian, Abdulwahab bin Mohammed bin Mahmud, were found guilty of respectively bringing heroin and cocaine into Saudi Arabia.

They hid the drugs in their stomach, the ministry said in statements carried by the official SPA news agency.

The two men were executed in Jeddah prov-

ince, Mecca region, in the west of the kingdom, the ministry said.

The beheadings brought to at least 28 the number of executions in Saudi Arabia this year.

The figure is a far cry from at least 83 people executed in 2005. Another 35 convicts were executed in 2004, according to AFP counts.

Executions are generally carried out in public in the oil-rich kingdom, which applies a strict form of Islamic law.

The death penalty is applied for murder, rape, apostasy, armed robbery and drug trafficking.