

Bandits kill police commissioner

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THE Commissioner of Police in charge of the Mobile Force Unit, Mr. Felix Oteka, has been killed.

It was unclear as at press time on Tuesday if his killers were armed robbers

or assassins.

Oteka was said to have been attacked on his way to the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja.

Sources said that the police boss was driving in his official black Toyota

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ing, the police spokesman said, could not be hurriedly determined.

Our correspondent gathered that the deceased police boss might have been on his way to Lagos when he was attacked.

"Oga usually visits Lagos to monitor our activities," said a senior riot policeman, who

pleaded not to be named.

The officer described Oteka as a "dedicated, hardworking and amiable policeman."

Meanwhile, no arrest has been made but the police said they had spread their dragnet for the perpetrators of the dastardly act. In recent times, the nation has recorded a number of killings of prominent indi-

viduals in the guise of political assassination.

One of them was a Peoples Democratic Party, Mr. Funsho Williams, who was brutally murdered in his bedroom at his Dolphin Estate home, Lagos, on July 27, 2006.

Similarly, another PDP gubernatorial aspirant in Ekiti

State, who doubled as a World Bank consultant, Dr. Ayo Daramola, was killed in his Ijan-Ekiti home on August 14, 2006.

The wife of a former Presidential aspirant of the PDP, Mrs. Sadatu Rimi, was also felled by assassins in her home in Kano on January 14, 2006.

Many policemen, mostly of the rank and file cadre, have also been killed especially in Lagos during encounters with armed robbers.

In the last three months for instance, no fewer than 16 policemen have been killed while responding to emergency calls.

Armed robbers who were attacking banks in the metropolis killed majority of the policemen.