



Killers of Islamic scholar will be arrested –Sultan

AN Islamic scholar, Sheikh Umaru Dan-Maishiyya, who was shot by gunmen in Sokoto on Wednesday night, died on Thursday morning.

But the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar III, has assured the people that those who assassinated the cleric will be arrested.

The scholar, who was shot in the head on Wednesday night, died on Thursday morning at the Usman Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital, Sokoto and has been buried.

In a broadcast on Thursday, the Sultan expressed sadness over the dastardly act and

prayed to God to grant the soul of the cleric eternal rest.

The Sultan appealed to the people to live peacefully and advised that, "We should desist from taking the laws into our hands."

The Acting Governor of Sokoto State, Alhaji Mukhtar Shagari, also made a broadcast and said the killing of the cleric was "extremely regrettable."

Shagari called on other clerics in the state to explain the "situation" to the people as measures had been taken to ensure the safety of life and property.

In spite of efforts to save

the life of Dan-Maishiyya, he explained that the cleric died, and condoled the family and the people for the "irreparable loss."

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Mohammed Umar, said joint police and military patrols were being conducted in the city and its environs to forestall any possible breach of the peace.

Umar confirmed that two persons had been arrested in connection with the assassination.

He also confirmed that an unidentified person at the scene of the incident on Wednesday night was lynched.