

# October 1 killing: **Third victim dies after 18 days in hospital**

**Friday Olokor**

**T**HE only surviving victim among the three persons shot by policemen in Yaba area of Lagos, Mr. Friday Uti, has died.

He was said to have died at 5am on Sunday after receiving treatment at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja for about 18 days.

The victims, Mr. Ibrahim Olojede, Mr. Rotimi Philips and Uti were said to have been shot on October 1, 2009 in their compound by a police

Corporal, Mr. Abu Bolaji, attached to a team of police officers from Adekunle Station led by one Njoku.

The victims were reportedly shot after discussing the outcome of a football match played earlier in the day.

Though Uti was rushed to LASUTH, the police were said to have carried the corpse of Philips to Isolo General Hospital, while that of Olojede was yet to be found.

Lawyer to the families of the deceased and the Legal

Programme Attorney, Access to Justice, Mrs. Destina Dalumo, confirmed the death of Uti to our correspondent.

She said, "the corpse of Olojede was later found and they (including that of Philips) were buried on Saturday."

"The family of Mr. Friday Uti called me in the morning of Sunday that he died about 5am. We had prayed that this guy must not die after his friends.

We instituted the legal action and our reason was to check the excesses of the police. Now that he is dead, we are carrying

on with the case."

The AJ had in a letter dated October 9, addressed to the Yaba District Coroner, Mr. Mukaila Fadeyi, called for an inquest into the killings.

In his reaction, the spokesman of the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, said, "we have done what we are expected to do. The police officer concerned has been arrested. We are now going to increase the charges against him; it will now be multiple charges."