

# Gunman attacks school, widow, children killed in Jos

Jude Owuamanam, Jos

A widow and her three children were hacked to death on Tuesday when gunmen invaded their residence at Sabon Gida Kanap, Bukuru, Jos South Local Government, Plateau State.

Our correspondent learnt that the attack took place at about 2am.

The incident occurred about eight hours before an unknown person fired a gun-propelled rocket at Nure Islamic High School at Angwan Kerena adjacent to the Jos South Local Government secretariat. He missed his target but a seven-year-old-boy was reportedly hit. The victim was said to be a bystander and not enrolled at the school where pupils were studying for exams.

The man was said to have fled the scene before he could be apprehended.

The incident, which occurred at about 10.15am threw residents of Jos metropolis and Bukuru into panic.

## Jonathan rejigs ICPC's boss nomination

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PRESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan has withdrawn the nomination of Mr. Francis Elechi as the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt practices and other related offences commission.

In his letter to the Senate, which was read on Tuesday by President of the Senate, David Mark, Jonathan said the name of the Acting Chairman of the commission, Mr. Ekpo Nta, was being forwarded to the Senate to replace Elechi.

He urged the Senate to confirm Nta as the substantive Chairman of the

The action was said to have angered the Hausa community who responded with gunfire.

The shooting were so intense that it reverberated in Jos town, sending residents in different directions.

Parents rushed out immediately to pick up their children from their schools while traders hurriedly shut their shops and fled.

A resident of the targeted area said a lone attacker "dressed in red" stood on the street outside the school and fired a heavy weapon.

## Tributes flow as Attah Igala is buried

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ATTAH of Igala Dr. Aliyu Obaje, was buried in Idah, Kogi State according to Muslim rites on Tuesday.

The Kogi State Council of Traditional Chiefs died in his palace in Idah on Monday at the age of 102.

President Goodluck

"The missile deflected and hit the wall of the school, killing (the young person)," resident Murtala Abdullahi told *AFP*.

Police Public Relation Officer in the state, Emmanuel Abuh, who confirmed the incident, said boy's brain was blown off.

Also, the Media Officer of the Special Task Force, Capt. Salisu Mustapha, confirmed the development.

Mustapha said, "We realised that somebody parked his vehicle and targeted NureI Islamic High

Jonathan and Ogun State Governor Ibikunle Amosun mourned the passing of the monarch.

On his part, Kogi State Governor Idris Wada regretted that the monarch died at a time he was most needed.

Thousands of sympathisers and mourners besieged the palace during and after the burial.

In a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Dr. Reuben Abati, Jonathan praised the deceased for his contribution to national development.

The statement read, "As they mourn the late Dr. Obaje, President Jonathan urges his family, the people of Igala Kingdom and Kogi State to give thanks to God Almighty for blessing the revered traditional ruler with uncommon longevity as well as a lengthy and successful reign.

"The President believes that Dr. Obaje's long and eventful stewardship of the traditional affairs of the Igala people, and his contributions to the social

School with an Improvised Explosive Device, he fired at the school and luckily he missed the target but most unfortunately it hit a boy and he died."

On the killing of the widow and her three children in Sabon Gida Kanap, Mustapha said it was a robbery incident.

He said, "Early hours this morning we got reports that there was a robbery on one house around General Area and there was exchange of fire between the perpetrators and our troops, arrest was not made and I don't have the figures of the casualties."

and political development of Kogi State and Nigeria for which he received the National Honour of Commander of the Federal Republic, have ensured that in passing on, he leaves behind notable and worthy legacies for his successors to build upon."

In a statement by his Senior Special Assistant on Media and Communications, Mrs Funmi Wakama, Amosun said the Attah's dead was "regrettable, but also worthy of celebration, because this is a life that truly ran its full course".

Wada, who was represented at the funeral by his deputy, Mr. Yomi Awoniyi, said the vacuum created by Obaje's death would be difficult to fill.

Obaje's son Adejoh, described his late father as a symbol of unity and unique leader. He said the children would continue to maintain his enviable legacies.

Among those present at the funeral were the representative of the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Magaji Riyan, and other traditional rulers.

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