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## Suspected robbers shoot controlling traffic to death

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An electrician, Wale Osisanwo, has been shot dead in Lagos by two suspected robbers after he engaged them in an argument at Salawe Junction in Ketu.

Wale, 37, popularly called Walata in the area was said to be controlling traffic flow in front of his shop on Saturday when he encountered the suspects.

Eyewitnesses said at about 8pm that fateful day, the two men got to the scene on a motorcycle and became impatient. They challenged Wale, who was controlling vehicles passing in the area.

Wale's brother, Lekan told PUNCH Metro, "When the two men came, they were so



The scene. Inset: Wale

impatient with the way he (Wale) was controlling

the traffic because our area is always congested.

"Everybody thought it was just a normal argument. Nobody really paid attention to what was going on. The men on the motorcycle wanted to move on quickly, while he told them to be patient.

"One of the men on the motorcycle suddenly brought out a gun and shot him point blank. Everybody fled immediately, while the assailants fled as well."

Lekan said everybody thought Wale had also

ran away until one of his friends saw him lying in a pool of his blood.

He was shot in the chest.

According to Lekan, Wale was quickly rushed to the Accident and Emergency Hospital at Seven-Up near the former tollgate, where he was pronounced dead.

One of the victim's friends, Lekan Azeez, said youths in the area had not been able to recover from the death of Wale.

He said he was loved by

all because he was a "big brother" to all the youth in the area.

Our correspondent learnt that Wale left behind four children, all of whom are attending a private school.

His wife, Adenike, could not speak with our correspondent on Wednesday.

Lekan said since the incident, Adenike had stopped eating until she was prevailed upon on Wednesday to take a light meal.

A candlelight procession

was held in the victim's honour on Sunday at the spot where he was killed.

The youth said attacks by bandits and robbers were rife in the area, adding that two people had been shot earlier in the year but they survived.

Wale's killing, according to them, was reported at the Ketu Police Division.

### Traders raise the alarm over imminent attacks

Simon Utebor

The Traders Association of Aguiyi-Ironsi Complex, Mushin, Lagos State, has raised the alarm over plans to attack its members before the end of this week.

Secretary, TAAIC, Mr. Christian Ibegbunam, told PUNCH Metro on the phone on Thursday that some mischief makers had perfected plans to unleash mayhem on the traders.

He alleged that the masterminds of the plot had hired armed thugs to carry out the plan.

Ibegbunam alleged that the association had received information that those behind the plot are to use dissident traders and security forces to take over the control of the market.

He therefore called on the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Muhammed Abubakar, to order investigation into the alleged plot.

According to Ibegbunam, in recent times some traders and their leaders had been intimidated and victimised by those who want to take over the control of the market

### Court remands three for selling human parts

### Policeman

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Contrary to earlier report that a policeman shot dead a bus conductor for stepping on him on Wednesday, eyewitnesses said the policeman allegedly killed the conductor over N50.