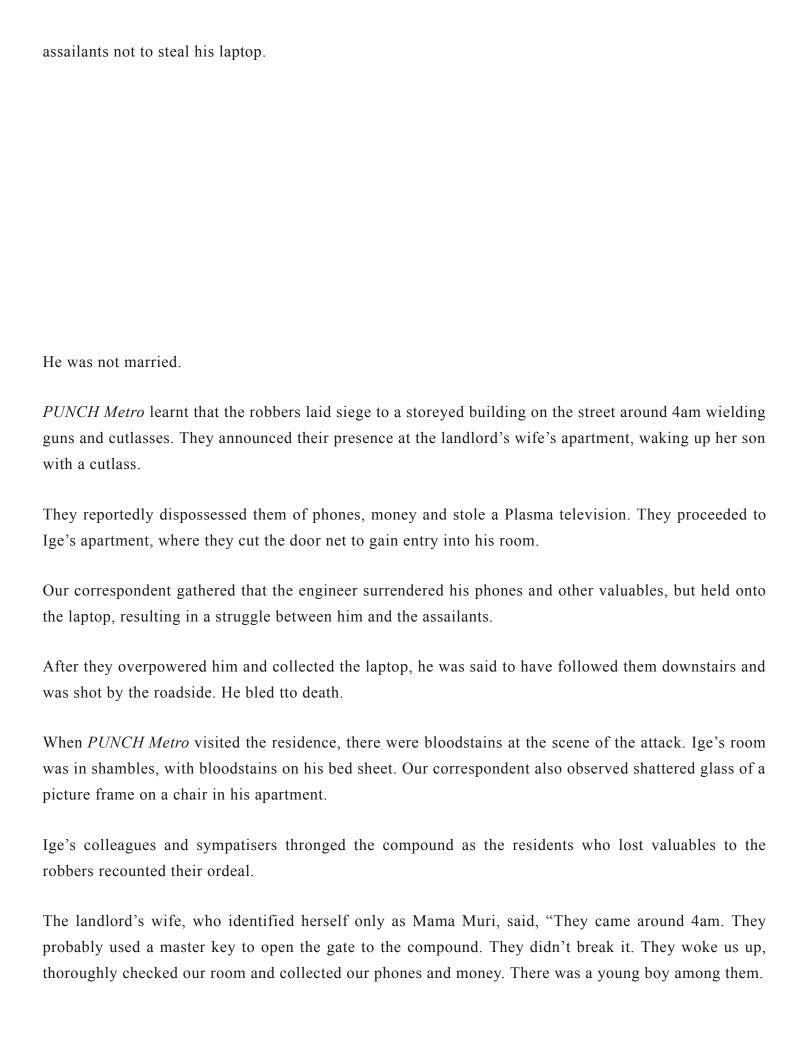
## Robbers kill Lagos construction company manager over laptop



Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos Island. He was reportedly shot in the head while pleading with the



"They warned us not to make a noise. They locked us inside and went to Sanmi's (Ige) room. They collected his three phones and a laptop. With only boxers on, he followed them downstairs, begging them to return the laptop. Suddenly, we heard a gunshot. On getting downstairs, we found him dead in a pool of blood. He was shot in the head. They thought he wanted to recover the laptop by force because he was huge. I am still in shock."

Her son, Muri, said the robbers carted away his phone and a sum of N4,500.

The landlord, who gave his name only as Babalola, said he was asleep at the balcony during the attack, adding that it was the gunshot that woke him up.

He said, "That was the first time we would experience robbery attack here. Life is the most important thing; he should have let them go with the laptop irrespective of the information on it. I have told the estate agent that brought him here to help us get his family. He was easy-going. When he returned from work, he would park his car and go straight to his apartment. He didn't associate with people.

"We reported the incident at the Denton Police Station and policemen came to remove his corpse."

A member of a vigilance group, who gave his name only as Baba Taju, said he sighted the robbers from afar, adding that they were eight in number.

"I heard a gunshot and tried to trace where it came from. They escaped through Coats Street. I think the hoodlums live within the community," he added.

The Manager, Corporate Affairs BHS, who visited the residence in company with a policeman, lamented Ige's death, saying it was a big shock to the company.

The manager, who requested not to be named, said, "He was the facility manager of our company. I can't give further information about him now. You can forward further enquiries to us."

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Olarinde Famous-Cole, promised to get back to our correspondent.