

Abuja newspaper vendor killed, union demands probe

Solomon Odeniyi, Abuja

AN Abuja-based newspaper vendor, Life Harrison, aka *El-Musa*, has been killed.

Our correspondent gathered that Harrison was struck from behind on Wednesday while boarding a vehicle from his Kabusa residence to Area 1, where he worked.

The President of the Abuja Newspapers Distributors Association, Benji Obute, said the victim's cry for help attracted passersby, who rushed him to a nearby clinic.

Obute said, "He was attacked by suspected assassins on Wednesday morning. We rushed him to a clinic where he fell unconscious. He suffered a deep cut and lost a lot of blood.

"The deep cut was stitched and two pints of blood transfused into him to replace the lost blood. He was a little stabilised and referred to the National Hospital Abuja for further treatment.

"Immediately I received the news of the attack, I dispatched a high-powered delegation, led by my vice president to the clinic where he was being treated.

"The delegation did all that was necessary and was moving him to the national hospital when he gave up the ghost. This is the fourth death in quick succession in my association and I am not happy about it.



• Harrison

The attackers did not take anything from him, so it was

clearly an assassination. His remains have been deposited in the mortuary at the national hospital."

Obute, who demanded a probe of the attack, called on law enforcement agents to do more to protect lives and property of Nigerians, especially in Abuja and its environs.

When contacted, the Federal Capital Territory police spokesperson, Josephine Adeh, promised to get back to our correspondent.

She had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

Again, bandits raid Kaduna community, kill three, kidnap two women

Godwin Isenyo, Kaduna

AN early morning attack by suspected bandits on Fumigi Street, Ungwan Galadima, Gonin-Gora, in the Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State, has left two residents dead and two women abducted.

The Vice Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in the North, Rev. John Hayab, confirmed the incident.

This is coming barely three days after the abduction of a Catholic priest, Revd Fr Joseph Akete of the St. John Catholic Church, Kudenda, Kaduna South LGA.

Also, within one week, bandits killed five persons, razed a petrol-laden tanker at Manini village, near Kuriga, along the dreaded Birnin-Gwari-Kaduna highway.

Kuriga is in Birnin-Gwari LGA of Kaduna, notorious

for banditry.

The CAN leader, Hayab, said the latest attack on Gonin Gora happened on Thursday.

He identified those killed as Mr Aminu Bege, his son, as well as a neighbour.

Hayab claimed that the hoodlums operated unchallenged for over one hour before taking away the women.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said when the bandits stormed the community around 12am, they shot indiscriminately.

"They operated from 12midnight to around 1am. They killed three people and took away two women," he added.

The spokesman for the police command, ASP Mohammad Jalige, did not take his calls or respond to a text message from our correspondent as of press time.

train runs out

that crew members explained to them that the train stopped because it ran out of fuel.

He tweeted, "Boarded train from Ibadan to Lagos.