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Tears flowed freely when robbers killed an 11-year-old primary five pupil.

Police sources told P. M. News that the robbers numbering four stormed the residence of Adetokunboh Balogun, at No.7, Tinuola Street Oloje area Horin, Kwara State, and held occupants hostage for 45 minutes (from la.m.-1:45 a.m.), dispossessing them of their money and other valuable items.

It was during the operation that the girl, identified as Olasumbo, was shot dead in her parents' home.

Narrating their ordeal in the hands of the bandits. Mr. Balogun, the girl's father, said Olasumbo, his only daughter. grabbed the cloth of one of the robbers who got angry and shot her.

"I had just returned from Washington DC when they stormed our home that fateful night. They scaled the fence before gaining access to my house.

"When I noticed a strange movement, I wondered who the people were and how they entered my house. So I came down from my bedroom and went downstairs to meet them. Immediately they saw me, the four of them pointed their guns at me and approached me gently."

Continuing, Balogun said: "They ordered me to take them

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into my bedroom. As we were climbing up, my wife and daughter

(Olasumbo) met us and they began to beg the robbers

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"The bandits asked me how much I had in the house and I said N500,000. And as I led them into where the money was hidden, my child held the cloth of one of the robbers and in annoyance he shot at her.

"Her mother fell on her and started crying. She tried to lift her up. After the money was taken my wife said: 'since you have killed my daughter, only God will judge you'.

"When they were

about escaping, the guy that shot my daughter prostrated and pleaded for forgiveness." Balogun has since resigned himself to fate while waiting for

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The corpse of the deceased

was deposited at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital while police in Kwara State said they are on the trail of the fleeing robbers.