

Cashier Steals Company's N4.9m

A Yaba Magistrate's Court in Lagos on Monday granted bail in the sum of one million naira to a cashier, Hope Nwokemodo, who allegedly stole her employer's N4.9 million.

Nwokemodo (48), charged with stealing the money belonging to Ebice Hose Ltd., Sabo, however, pleaded not guilty before Magistrate Salamah Matepo.

The Prosecutor, Insp. Benson Emuerhi, told the court that the accused was in charge of depositing the firm's money in banks, but that she diverted the N4.9 million between October and December 2009.

He said that the alleged offence contravened Section 390(6) of the Criminal Code of Lagos State, and punishable with seven years' imprisonment.

The case has been adjourned till July 14 for further hearing. In a similar development, the police in Lagos on Monday arraigned a clearing agent, Linus Obiagboso, for allegedly defrauding a businessman of N1.1 million.

Obiagboso (43) was charged with conspiring with others, still at large, to dupe one Mr. Chigozie Metu under the pretext of helping him to clear four containers of marble and electric bulbs.

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the four-count charge of conspiracy, fraud, stealing and forgery before an Ebute-Metta Chief Magistrate's Court.

The Prosecutor, Insp. Eshiet Eshiet, submitted that the accused, who received the money from Metu for the clearing of the goods from the Apapa Port in Lagos, failed to do so.

Cattle Rustlers Kill Herdsman

Cattle rustlers have invaded Ganawuri village in Riyom Local Government and stole more than 100 cows, an official of the Military Special Task Force (STF) has said.

Lt-Col. Kingsley Umoh, spokesman of the STF, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in a telephone interview that one herdsman was killed by the suspects.

The village, which shares

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border with Kaduna State, is on the outskirts of Jos.

Umoh confirmed that six of the suspected rustlers had been arrested.

He said, however, that the Ganawuri incident was an "isolated case of criminality that had nothing to do with the Plateau crisis."

The Barua family of 5, Olorogun Street, Off Funsho Williams

Surulere, Lagos, Nigeria has been thrown into mourning following the gruesome murder of their son, Abdulkudus Olayinka Barua, 28, a student of the Lagos State Polytechnic, Surulere campus.

He was allegedly murdered by social miscreants popularly known as area boys on his way back from a party on Saturday. The attackers, it was learnt, were on a revenge mission.

Spokesman for the Barua family, Akinola Davies told *P.M. NEWS* that Kudus went to a party at Awonaike Crescent, Surulere in company of some friends and decided to leave the party with his friends at about 11 p.m.

On their way home from the party, Kudus and his friends had an encounter with one of the area boys identified as Kunle who was riding a motorcycle.

The deceased and his friends accused the suspect of dangerous driving but he disagreed and called them

He said that the cows had been recovered and that the suspects were believed to be from the neighbouring Kaduna State.

NAN reports that the incident created anxiety among the Plateau residents as it raised fears of a resurgence of hostilities.

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unprintable names.

This got the friends infuriated and fighting ensued during which the suspect, who is now on the run, was thoroughly beaten.

He reportedly ran home and told his brothers what happened and he and his brothers laid an ambush for Kudus.

Unknown to the deceased that danger was lurking in the air as he was returning home, his assailants, led by Kunle attacked him and stabbed him several times.

Eyewitnesses who attempted to save the deceased were warned to keep off by Kunle and his group who threatened to kill them.

Policemen who arrived the scene later took Kudus to the University of Lagos Teaching Hospital (LUTH) Idi-Araba, Lagos where he died a few hours after being admitted.

The murder is currently being investigated by the police at Area 'C' Command.

Davies, however expressed dissatisfaction with the way the police were handling the matter, saying the Barua Family has petitioned the Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Panti, Yaba,

Lagos to take over investigation into the murder.

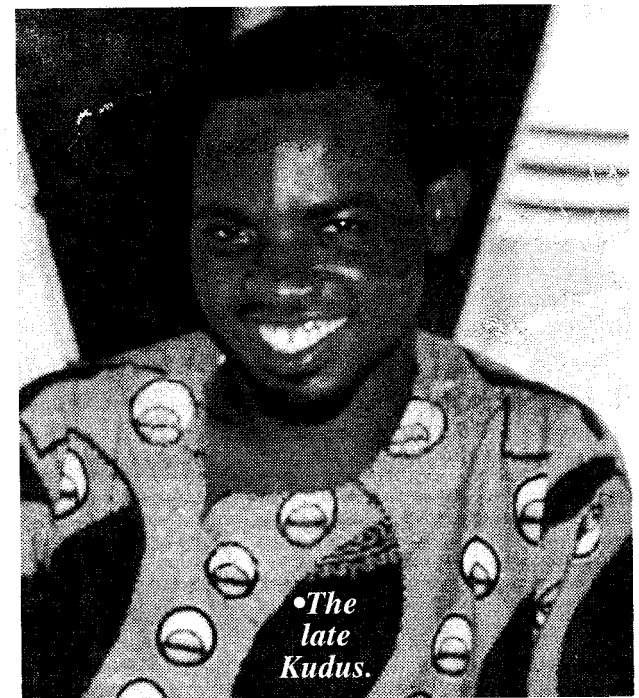
A sister to the deceased, Miss Funmilayo Barua said she saw her brother at home before he left for the ill-fated party.

Funmilayo said she received call that he had been stabbed and later a second call that her

brother had died.

"It was like a bad dream. I cannot believe that Kudus is dead," she told *P.M. NEWS*.

The Lagos State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, said he has not received any information on the murder when contacted.



South African Company Averts Blackout At World Cup

South African electricity company, Eskom has averted a

would have been illegal.

Inflation in South Africa is currently running at 4.6 percent.

it," said Irvin Jim, general secretary for metalworkers' union.

"We are not in a position to

made available to company executives and their families.

However, although electricity services now seem

Man Slaps Policeman On Duty

CYRIACUS IZUEKWE

A police corporal attached to Ajao Estate in Lagos, Nigeria, received the shock of his life when he was assaulted while performing