

He commended the media for their reportage. "The media did excellently well. Except for some mischief-makers who were using the social media to send wrong messages. The social media was raising false alarm."



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Abayomi, who is in early 40s, and others now at large, committed the offence between June 2011 and June 2014, while acting as the manager.

It was revealed that his alleged illegal

District, did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit; stealing and thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 409 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2012."

The investigation report is expected to be presented to the chairman for necessary action. Meanwhile, officials of the South African Embassy are said to be in touch with the suspect.

## Fire, explosion kill 3 in Lagos

BY CHRISTOPHER OJI

**T**ragedy struck yesterday in Lagos as two persons died in fire while another was killed in an explosion.

*Crime Watch Today* gathered that at about 2am, at 57, Anthony Avenue, Ile-Iwe bus stop, Ikotun area of Lagos, went up in flames.

A man simply identified as Osaghale and his sister-in-law were burnt to death while his wife and four kids were rescued by the state fire service.

An eyewitness, Ben Ozor, told *Crime Watch Today* that at about 2am, "I was woken up by my wife that there was fire outbreak in a flat on our street. I rushed out and there

was electricity, so, I saw the raging fire consuming the one storey building. I met some sympathizers phoning fire-fighters.

"I was over-hearing the wife and the children of Osaghale shouting for help. They were all trapped upstairs. The children and their mother were crying, but we could not do much because there was no way we could enter their flat.

"Eventually, the fire-fighters stormed the place but it was difficult for them to access the victims' house because the road was narrow. Well, they eventually succeeded. They rescued the wife and the children, but Mr Osaghale and his wife's younger sister, Ngozi, were burnt beyond recognition. I know Ngozi, she should be about 20 years," he said.

Director, Lagos State Fire Service, Mr. Rasak Fadipe, told *Crime Watch Today* that

two charred bodies were found in the flat.

"We found the man lying on the floor while another lady said to have just arrived from the village on a visit, was found burnt in one of the rooms. We were able to prevent the fire from spreading to other flats in the building. We have released the bodies to policemen from the Ikotun division.

Meanwhile, a 37-year-old welder was blown to pieces when a gas cylinder exploded in his workshop in Festac, Lagos.

Four others were injured.

A police source at the Festac division said the explosion was from the welder's working equipment and not a bomb as being speculated by some people.

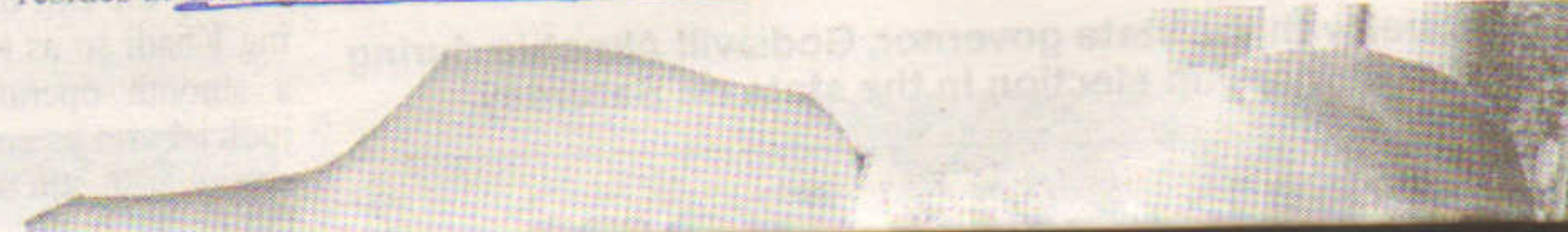
The police officer said the corpse of the welder had been deposited at the mortuary.

## Lagosians, media

BY CHRISTOPHER OJI

**T**he Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) for Zone II command, comprising

resides at Zariagi, Kabba Junction, a suburb



inward screening of passengers on a South African airline flight from Johannesburg. Two Nigerians are also being investigated by the anti-narcotic agency.

NDLEA Commander at the airport, Mr. Hassan Umar, said it was a suspected case