

# Gunmen kill IIFARD researcher in Lagos

**TRAGEDY** struck yesterday in Ifako-Ijaye Local Government Area of Lagos State when a researcher, Mr Taiwo Babalola, of the International Institute for Forensic Accounting Research and Development (IIFARD) was murdered in cold blood by some yet to be identified gunmen.

According to sources close to the family, some bandits invaded Babalola's residence at 2, Odekunle Close, Alagbado, around midnight and held the family members hostage for over two hours demanding for some documents from Babalola, who vehemently denied having the documents in his custody. The house was ran-

sacked before he was shot twice at close range. The deceased's family members were said to have rushed him to a nearby private hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Before his death, Babalola was an integral part of the IIFARD research team looking into procurement and contract procedures in the oil and gas sector. The research team was headed by a renowned forensic accounting researcher, Mr. Kayode Sorunke, who has been reportedly missing since last year after several attacks and assassination attempts on his life.

The case has been reported to the police, who are now making efforts to arrest the killers.