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Malo Petroleum MD, driver shot in Lagos

• Condition critical, may be flown abroad

By MATTHEW DIKE

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

The owner of a filling station in Lagos and his driver were shot by suspected assassins in the metropolis yesterday.

Malo, Chief Executive Officer of Malo petrol station, Ikorodu and his driver were attacked in the afternoon.

The state police command said that the victims were still recuperating in an undisclosed hospital.

An authoritative source told **Daily Sun** that Malo was in critical condition.

He was shot on the chest and head. Doctors were able to extract the bullets while the family was making plans to fly him abroad. **Daily Sun** gathered that the windscreen of his Jeep was shattered at Agric bus stop, along Lagos-Ikorodu Road, near St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Ikorodu.

People scampered for safety as the hoodlums fired sporadically into the air. The attackers were said to have abandoned their Jeep that brought them and fled with another vehicle they snatched. Malo, who is in his 40s, a popular businessman in the area, owns about seven petrol stations in Lagos.

A source told Daily Sun that they were shot at close range. The Police command's spokesman, Mr. Frank Mba, a superintendent, debunked the claim that Malo died during the attack. He confirmed on phone that though both victims were shot, they were still recuperating in a hospital.

"The owner of the filling station is not dead. He was shot with his driver under circumstances not yet clear. Police officers from Owutu Division quickly rushed them to hospital. We won't disclose the name of the hospital for security reason. All I can confirm here is that they are being treated in a hospital," Mba said.



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