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**I**t was a sad day for members of the Inspector General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT) as a member of the elite squad, Sgt Sanusi Lanre, reportedly died after a gun battle with the kidnappers of the four Britons in Delta State.

# IRT sergeant shot by kidnappers dies 24 hours after surgery

Sources told *Saturday Telegraph* that the sergeant died around 12 noon yesterday.

Having been admitted at the Delta State University Teaching Hospital in Oghara and undergone surgery at 3am on Thursday to remove the bullet in his stomach and repair the damage done by the kidnappers' bullet, Lanre

gave up yesterday despite the provision of utmost care and four pints of blood to stabilise him.

"Our colleague is dead, sadly but we thank God that the kidnapper that shot him has also met his Waterloo and we pray that our gallant officer who died in the line of duty will rest in peace and may Almighty God

give his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Lanre, with F/no 359454, was shot in the stomach along with his colleague, Sergeant Agunbiade Adebayo with F/no 360140 who sustained gunshot wounds in his hands in an operation led by Officer in Charge of the IRT, ACP Abba Kyari.