

2 Naval rating shot dead in Lagos

Taiwo Jimoh

A naval rating, simply identified as OS Harrison was over the weekend killed by gunmen in the Ajegunle area of Lagos State.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PRO), SP Benjamin Hundeyin, said nobody has been arrested in connection with the killing.

He said the deceased naval officer was until the incident serving at the Lagos Logistics Depot of the Nigerian Navy and that his corpse had been deposited at the Nigerian Navy hospital morgue in Ojo.

25 The killing of the naval officer occurred less than a year, when a female officer was also reportedly killed in the area.

It was learnt that the killing of the officer, created serious panic in the community as colleagues

of the deceased officer threatened to avenge his death.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Navy has cautioned its officers in the area from moving around at night to avenge the death of their colleagues.

A resident of Ajegunle, who pleaded anonymity, while speaking with our correspondent said, "We are living in fear. We heard that his colleagues want to avenge his death.

"The naval officer was walking around Olowojeunjeje area of Ajegunle when he was shot by unknown gunmen. Some people said that they were cultists, but others said no."

He also stated that, "We hear that the Navy authority has warned them to be cautious of their security and that they should not move in the night to avenge is death.

The resident also added that, "The navy men in this

area are angry that one of their female colleagues was killed last year, while another escaped with injuries around Boundary area of Ajegunle."

"The injured female officer and the deceased one reportedly saw off one of their colleagues, when they were attacked."

Hundeyin, however said, "It is true a naval officer was killed. Investigation has started, but nobody has been arrested yet."

3 Alleged Blasphemy

The Sokoto State Police Command has confirmed the killing of a butcher, Usman Buda, yesterday by some extremist Muslims over an alleged blasphemous comment against the Islamic Prophet, Muhammad bin Abdullah.

While noting that an investigation was ongoing to arrest the perpetrators