

# Agbroko, THISDAY Editorial Board Chair Shot Dead

**G**odwin Agbroko, veteran journalist and Chairman, THISDAY Editorial Board was last night shot dead in Lagos by armed bandits. He was on his way home at about 10pm from the office in Apapa, when he ran into a robbery scene at Daleko fly-over, Iyana-Isolo. The bridge links Isolo to Mushin.

• *3 policemen, two others also killed*

*By Yemi Adebowale*

Agbroko was found in a pool of his own blood with his car and valuables in it untouched. He had his seat belt intact, with music and the air conditioner on. Three policemen and two

bystanders were also killed in the area at about the same time Agbroko was killed. The bandits who killed Agbroko were suspected to have killed the policemen.

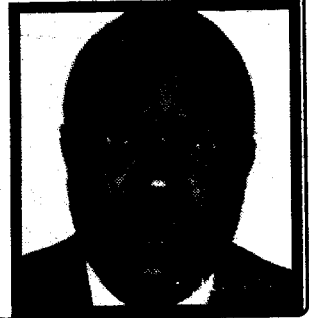
As at press time, THISDAY could not obtain an official report from the police on the

incident. But an officer at the Lagos State Police Command who pleaded for anonymity said, "the information about Agbroko's murder was picked from our radio message, indicating that after killing the victim, they went ahead to kill three policemen

on patrol in the area." He confirmed that Agbroko was found in a pool of his own blood.

The highly respected columnist will be best remembered for his column, *This Nation* that runs on Tuesdays in THISDAY. He gives an uncommon insight into issues. The last column

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published on Tuesday was a satire on the PDP Presidential primaries, which he described as an electoral magic. "As things go, only the PDP can bring about this electoral magic," Agbroko wrote on the emergence of the Yar'Adua/Jonathan ticket.

Simon Kolawole, THISDAY's Editor-at-Large once remarked

about his intellect: "He is someone I never joke with his views. There are times I am a bit tentative about my viewpoints and I decide to sound him out. In two or three minutes, he would have ironed out all the wrinkles. I always come off smiling quietly to myself and repeating the words of our forefathers: No matter how many

assumption of the office of President in accordance with subsection (1) of this section; or (c) for any other reason, - the President shall nominate and, with the approval of each House of the National Assembly, appoint a new Vice President.

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Section 146 (3) reads: "Where the office of Vice President becomes vacant - (a) by reason of death or resignation, impeachment, permanent incapacity or removal in accordance with Section 143 or 144 of this constitution; (b) by his

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### AGBROKO *Cont'd from P1*

Tommy Hilfiger designs a child has, he can never have as many rags as an elder."

Agbroko read Mass Communication at the University of Lagos. After graduation, he worked for the Nigerian Television Authority. He also lectured in a higher institution in Delta State, before switching to print journalism. He worked with the *Guardian* newspapers, where he rose to become Editor of the defunct *African Guardian*. Agbroko also worked as Editor of *Newswatch* and *The Week* magazines.

In 1997, he won the prestigious Pen/Barbara Goldsmith Freedom to

Write Awards. The awards are designed to honour two writers who have fought courageously in the face of adversity for the right to freedom of expression. Established in 1987, and underwritten by PEN member Barbara Goldsmith, the awards have been granted to a total of 37 writers who have either used the money to set up new and innovative projects to further their work against censorship or to writers who have been in dire financial straits as a result of political persecution, often consisting of imprisonment.

Agbroko has been detained and tortured severely in the course of his