

HOWEVER, ARMSTRONG came back from work around 1:30pm in an indication that her husband will come home around 4:00pm but waited after preparing lunch but her husband, Fred didn't show up. Distracted about his non-arrival, Armura went to her neighbor's house, William Sadeq who was her husband's colleague at SNECS Panama. Because they used to come home together everyday. William Sadeq was having a nap, but woke up and informed Armura that he left her husband at school when he was leaving around 5:00pm.

William Sarg asked me whether there was any problem, I told him that it was just that my husband was yet to return home from work. "When I went to another colleague of my husband's within the neighbourhood, they all came out and told me that my husband was given an extra work in the school and there was no problem, that I should go back home and sleep while I obliged," Agina said.

"When we reached their family's house, I saw many people outside but I never thought that they came for the burial of my beloved husband, Hadi. But, when I entered the family house, I was informed after some minutes of preaching from the Holy Qur'an, I was taken in to give them my last respects and pray for him. That was how I lost a caring, responsible, decent, honest and polite husband who really changed my life for the better. My problem now is that I cannot forget him in any lifetime."

After some time, Annina recalled how she met him.

It was through one of his cousins, Hajia Binta Rabo who resides at Layout Katsina. She always informed me that she will connect me with one of his cousins. So, one day, I was just passing and she called me and linked me with Hadi. We spoke for less than 15 minutes. Then he was a lecturer at Isa Kaita College of Administration

He came into the room. He told me that he just wanted to finish marking his scripts and hand over at SBRS. He always sought for forgiveness whenever he offended you. He would hardly spoil your mind," the old man lamented.

Friends, relations and sympathisers expressed their feelings at the unfortunate death of Mallam Hadi Ghali through armed robbers' bulletins. Lawal Sadi of *Leadership Newspaper* said "Hadi Ghali was a religious person, an epitome of hard work, discipline, honesty and humility. He was a sociable

any is a former Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Alhaji Umar Mawada Salama, speaking with *Saturday Vanguard* in his house at Kaituma, he said: "Since the boy, late Hadi saw my daughter, Annua and decided to marry her, I have been very comfortable with him. My daughter told me that she has been very lucky to find a caring husband who has been very shy, religious and humane. I have never attended a burial of an in-law but I was at the grave of Hadi at Kaituma to give him my last respects as a very good in-law. I pray to Allah to grant them

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Had a "good" perfect year," said, Umamah Batay, A.B.U. Zaria.

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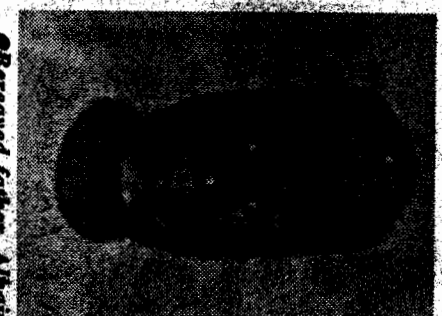
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●Late Haddi Mahdi and wife, Aminah.



• Dearest jama, mawg
Ghali Hussein

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"On behalf of SBRS, A.D.T. Punna Campus, I wish to express our heart felt shock over the death of one of our active and dynamic staff, Hadi Ghali. May Allah expose the killers as we pray for his soul to rest in perfect peace. Hadi's death has put the entire school into uncontrollable mourning. His death is blow on all of us but Allah knows best," Dr. Abdulrahman said.

"Friends, relatives, staff as students, will miss a gentle, active and God-fearing person, Hadi. May his soul rest in perfect peace," declared M.M. Hussein, Academic Secretary, SBRS, Punna.

Garda Okiye, a close friend of the deceased, disclosed that few hours to the death of Hadi Ghali, he came to my shop with his wife, Annan and as usual, we discussed about our future and business. (Okiye said that he was shocked when he received the news of Hadi's death few hours later. "I never knew I was seeing him for the last time when he visited me with his wife. But, Allah knows better as our Creator") Okiye cried out.

Abdulwahab Gardu Nalyabo, Hadi Administrator of Block G, SBRS Punna. "He was a very jovial, active man and left a gap that cannot be filled in SBRS Punna. Though, we don't have anything to say because it is God's wish. But we in SBRS staff missed him greatly."

"I am really touched with the news of the sudden death of a school mate, Hadi Ghali who was killed by a gang of armed robbers. Late Ghali was

Had G.D.S.S. perfect peace," said, Umaribah Baboy, A.B.U. Zaria.

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Saniya Begiya Student, SBRS Funtua: "A very kind person, gentle and most of the students like him because of his attitude. We really miss his absence and we are praying God to grant him paradise."

"We, in the security Department of SBRS, ABU Funtua have indeed lost a very obedient, and generous man, Hadi Chali. We are still mourning him," declared, S.S. Shefin, Chief Security officer, SBRS, A.B.U. Funtua.

"It is unfortunate when I heard that Hadi Chali is dead, I had known him for 20 years at Funtua. We even played football together. Hadi Chali was honest, dedicated and hard working, he never played with his work even before he got employment at S.B.R.S Funtua. It is a great loss to the people of Funtua, Katsina and generally, Nigeria. On behalf of myself, the Principal, Sule Keegan staff and students of G.D.S.S Funtua, We send our condolences to the family of Hadi Chali for the great loss that we have, we pray for him and we wish him Allah forgiveness, Amen," explained Lawal Ilyasu, staff of G.D.S.S Funtua.

STORY THAT TOUCHES THE HEART

By Sikiru Abdul-Raheem,
Katsina

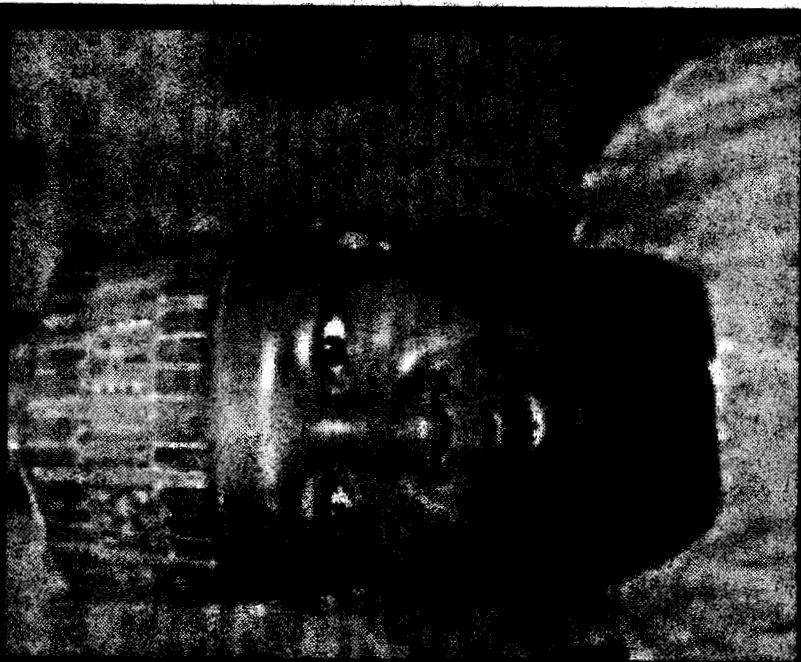
THURSDAY 26 May will forever remain indelible in the memories of Alhaji Ghali Hussein Funtua because it was a day his son and bread winner of the family, Mallam Hadi Ghali Funtua, a Physics lecturer at the Ahmadu Bello University School of Basic and Remedial Studies, Funtua, in Katsina State started his journey of no return to the land of the dead.

Amna Ghali, the late Hadi's wife disclosed to *Saturday Vanguard* that on that fateful day Thursday, 25th May, her husband, Hadi Ghali woke up around 5:00am and said his prayers as usual, up to 6:00am. So, he went out and gave food to cattle in the compound. After that, she said, he later came back to the house and took a bucket of water with a towel and cleaned his car "including mine too."

"I went back to sleep after prayers and he later woke me up and asked me to start preparing for work. He warned me that I shouldn't be late because if I should not collect salary and still miss a period out of my normal leave, God will ask me on the day of judgement. So, I immediately got prepared for work and he brought me at my office and we parted, unknowingly that he was saying a final goodbye," Amna explained.

"Before he left finally, I asked him whether he was

Late in the evening, on his way back from work this young ABU lecturer was shot to death by armed robbers



husband the previous night. "I broke down, helpless, sad, confused and disturbed on hearing that my lovely and cherished husband, Hadi who left me in peace yesterday had been shot. Though, he didn't inform me about his death. But, who will be happy to hear that her beloved one has been shot by armed robbers for that matter? Then, my uncle came for me and he met me at the filling station and he asked me to drop my car there and enter his own and we proceeded to my husband's family house in

before he later moved to A.B.U. School of Basic and Remedial Studies and we got married about two years and ten months after that first meeting. "He was a very nice and patient man. No matter how troublesome you are, my late husband will never fight or hurt you because of his religious commitment," Amna concluded.

Ahaji Ghali Hussein, late Hadi's father also recalled the last encounter he had with his slain son: "8:00pm on the fateful day after he (Hadi) finished

man, who respected all regardless of their religion or ethnic inclination."

Nassar Umar Suleiman, in-law to late Hadi Ghali said "there was one time when my senior sister took me to Funtua to stay with them. I used to call him Baba Hadi (meaning, my father). He was very straight forward, humane and very generous. His death is a great loss and we cannot fill the vacuum created. May his soul rest in perfect peace and may Allah give his wife, my sister, Amna, the courage to bear the loss."

responsible, caring, honest and religious person like Hadi not only for Amna, my bereaved daughter, but for all my remaining daughters. Though, to get another Hadi will need serious prayer and God's intervention."

When *Saturday Vanguard* visited School of Basic and Remedial Studies (SBRSS), Ahmadu Bello University, Funtua campus where late Hadi Ghali worked, the entire school was still mourning the passing away of a foundation member of the institution. The

a humble, social and generous person since his school age. Hadi Ghali was described as a hardworking lecturer, will be missed by his students, colleagues and friends. For us, we really feel the death of a rare gem and we will continue to remember him in our prayers. May Allah give his aged parents, wife and friends the courage and fortitude to bear the loss." Sani Bala Kabomo of Katsina State Radio declared. "I can't believe that he is dead. But, now that it has been confirmed, may Allah