

# Robbers kill Benue varsity teacher

By Peter Duru

**MAKURDI**—AN armed gang, numbering about 20, Monday night stormed the home of Mr. David Yongo, a lecturer in the history department of Benue State University, killing his wife in cold blood even as they shot his three year-old son.

Narrating the incident, Yongo who looked dumbfounded and in deep shock stated

that he was at home with his family at his Gboko Road residence when at about 11pm a group of suspected assassins stormed his residence and started shooting sporadically into his house.

It was in the midst of the confusion that his wife, Mrs. Lauretta Yongo, a graduate of UNN and teacher at the Government Model Secondary school in Makurdi, and children, dashed out of the house in a bid to find cover

that the assailants shot her thrice below the abdomen.

His three year-old son was not spared, as he was also shot on the ankle and is presently lying critically ill at the Federal Medical Centre Makurdi, where frantic efforts are being made by a team of Doctors to save his life.

Dr. Yongo, who escaped death by the whiskers, maintained that from the way the assassins stormed his home, they were on a mission to eliminate his household, saying that he came to the conclusion based on the enormity of the attack.

"The gang stormed my house on a mission to eliminate me and my family, though my neighbours were attacked but their concentration was on me and my family and they succeeded in killing my wife; this is too much for me to bear. What did I and my family do to warrant this," Yongo queried rhetorically.

Married to his late wife of Enugu state extraction six years ago, the bereaved opined "she is a wife who had not only been a wife but also a friend, sister and confidant; how can I carry on without her. why?"

Meanwhile the matter has been reported to the police who said they are currently investigating it.

## Six die in road crash near Lokoja

By Isiaka Oyibo

**LOKOJA**— NO fewer than six persons have been confirmed dead in an accident which occurred yesterday at Karara village along Lokoja-Abuja Road.

The State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, Mr. Yomi Asaniyan, said his men recovered the sum of N348,655 from victims of the accident.

Reports say the accident occurred when a Toyota Hiace Bus with registration Number XA629KJR, owned by the Kaduna State Trans-

port Authority, ran into a motorcycle rider who was trying to cross the road.

The six corpses according to the Sector commander have been deposited at the Ankuri Hospital Lokoja while those injured were immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, also in Lokoja for treatment.

The Kogi FRSC called on the general public whose relations travelled along Okene-Abuja-Kaduna Road and have not returned to check Ankuri Hospital for identification.