

How we killed DIG Ningi — Suspect

BY ABDULSALAM MUHAMMAD

KANO—SALIHU Goni, a family associate to assassinated Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Sale Abubakar Ningi, has owned up to masterminding the plot that led to Ningi's murder in Kano three weeks ago.

Close relationship with late DIG

Goni, alias *Kaka*, told a team of crack detectives, during interrogation, that he shared close relationship with the late former police boss, stressing that the closeness put him at a vantage position to hatch and successfully execute the plot.

Goni, 34, who was picked up by the police at Hotoro Haye in Kano metropolis, also confessed that he monitored Ningi's movement and alerted one Gana Bukar, also in police net, to lay ambush with one other person now at large.

My benefactor

He said: "The late DIG had been my benefactor. He had helped me with money and food items during *Salah* celebrations and other festivities. I had been a constant visitor to his house and dined with the family several times."

Ningi was assassinated along with a friend and his driver while returning from his factory at Dakata Sauna Kawaji

Industrial layout, on the outskirts of the metropolis on June 5, by unknown gunmen on motorcycle.

More suspects nabbed

The Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Idris revealed that further investigations had led to the arrest of several other

suspects in connection with the murder of the late senior police officer. He also said that one Muhammed Tahir, 22, was arrested at Dandishe ~~Kurna Asabe quarters~~, adding that three cans of Improvised Explosives Devices, IEDs, were recovered from his tailoring shop.

Bayero University attack

He noted that the suspect also confessed during interrogation to have conspired with several others to launch attack at the Bayero University Kano, BUK, worship centre April 29, adding that he also confessed killing a Chief Suprintendent of

Customs and Staff of Department of State Security, DSS, in Kano penultimate week. The Police commissioner said, "we have widened our dragnet and robust ~~investigation is ongoing~~ and we will do our best to get to the root of the heinous crime in the state."

Fresh explosions rock Kano, Damaturu

BY ABDULSALAM MUHAMMAD, WITH AGENCY REPORT.

KANO—A SERIES of explosions were reported in Goron Dutse, Dala Local Government Area of Kano State and Sabon Fegi area of Damaturu, capital of Yobe State last night.

The blasts were followed by sporadic gunshots, witnesses said.

Sources said unknown gunmen attacked Dala Police Station close to Sheik Isyaku Rabi'u's residence in Kano.

Some reports indicated that the gunfight spread to Sharada quarters in Kano. Police sources stated that militants were being chased on a highway linking Dala and Sharada area.

Gunmen attacked the station during the evening rush hour as witnesses confirmed explosion amid sporadic shooting forcing residents passers-by to scamper for safety

The shooting was still on by 7:pm. Some

residents were reportedly scared stiff and remained in their homes. Some of them said: "It appeared we were trapped in a war here, with volley of bullets and intermittent explosions being the order of the day." Security officials in the city did not pick their calls even as feelers from the area suggested heavy

presence of Military Joint Task Force, JTF, operatives who had cordoned off the troubled spot.

Kano State police spokes person, Mohammed Dutse, confirmed there was a "problem" in the area.

He said efforts was being made to reach the Divisional Police Officer to

verify the position on the ground.

In Damaturu, the Sabon Fegi area, just metres away from the Government House, was under bomb and gun attacks from 6:pm despite a curfew imposed on the city, following a similar siege last week.

Amb Olusola for burial July 20

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LAGOS—FORMER Nigerian Ambassador to Ethiopia and producer of *Village Headmaster*, the late Ambassador Segun Olusola, who died last Thursday will be buried in his home town Iperu Remo, Ogun State on July 20.

Late Olusola's son, Jimmy, who disclosed this yesterday said final details of the burial will be released soon. Olusola, who described

his father's death as a mixture of sadness and joy said his late father was an inspiration to many people.

He said: "We underestimated the number of lives he touched in his outreach. His humility and simplicity will never be forgotten, he greatly inspired a whole generation of Nigerians and if a man who was as simple as my father was could receive ovation as loud as this then it means that those of us who are coming up must be louder than him. So, we

have got a tough benchmark for us to follow and if we have to surpass that, we must work harder.

"I had a fantastic relationship with my father, he was a great teacher and because of his kind of person he started teaching me from day one and that was 50 years ago and as a teacher there were times I rebelled and he stood his grounds to make sure I understood what he wanted to impact to me."

"Our relationship made me humble that I imbibed