

16 of them as armed robbery suspects who had long been terrorising residents of the

## Boy, 10, others crushed

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NO fewer than 12 people, including a 110-year-old boy were separately crushed to death in various parts of Lagos metropolis by hit and run drivers within the week. DAILY CHAMPION learnt that motor cycle operators (Okada riders) formed the thrust of the victims as several of them were hit by speeding vehicles. A police source said the death of the 10 year old Quwan Kazeem raised much dust as passersby attempted to lynch the driver and conductor. The incident which occurred at Ileoba Ijanikin, along Badagry Express way attracted large sympathisers particularly women and students of Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education, Ijanikin. According to our source,

ammunition and other four guns of varying descriptions." Giving a breakdown of the

a commercial driver with registration number XC 892. FEST ran over the 10-year-old primary two pupil of undisclosed school and crushed him to death.. Also at about 2.30 pm a Daf truck crushed an Okada operator at Apapa, killing both the rider and the passenger. Similarly, another tipper lorry on Monday ran over one Friday Igwe of No. 76 Owodo gbeshe, Ikorodu, while riding unregistered motorcycle at Iyana School, along Ikorodu Expressway. The vicatim died instantly while the driver escaped. Conforming the story, Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO Mr. Olubode Ojajumi said that some of the corpses were deposited in the public mortuary. He noted that the cases are under investigations.

registration numbers of some of the recovered cars are OSUN AA 961 EDT, LAGOS BP 850 FKJ, and a Toyota Camry marked LAGOS DS 735 LSR which was stolen from Lagos and brought to Ibadan. He advised car owners to be alert and always secure their vehicles very well since, as he put it, most of the hoodlums had been going about with master keys.

The pipeline vandals were caught at Ajaagba Village in Oyo town by Vandalisation Task Force while siphoning petroleum products with trucks marked OYO AA 577 SEY, OYO 1086 BD, OYO XA 275 TJJ, OG 7089 E, SOKOTO XA 908 SKK and XU 511 KTA.

The Commissioner of Police lamented that the government policy of releasing suspects who are caught and charged to court was somehow worrisome as he claimed that most of the suspects caught were ex-convicts.

His words: "The government policy of releasing suspects is giving us serious headache. All these suspects will soon be charged to court, but you