

## Armed robbers kill 2 Policemen in Orlu

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→ TWO police officers and a Nigerian were shot dead in Orlu town last Wednesday by suspected armed robbers who terrorized the city for hours.

While the Police Inspector was shot with commercial motorcyclist conveying him, another officer, a sergeant, was gunned down in a police patrol jeep by the heavily-armed gang.

The incident, which occurred on Orlu – Owerri road by Ideato junction caused pandemonium as people ran helter-skelter for their lives.

According to the State Police Public relations officers (PPRO), Mr. Isa Bala Mohammed, who spoke to *Sunday Champion* weekend, the robbers killed the Police sergeant on the steering of his ALGON Jeep and were quickly given a hot chase by a reinforcement of policemen.

“They fled with their Mercedes 190 and another car they snatched. On their way, they saw a police officer on a motorcycle and opened fire at him. Both of them were killed and they made away with his rifle. I can tell you that our men gave them a hot chase”, he said.

○ In a related development a house-to-house robbery was carried out in Umulolo Ogbe Community in Ahiazu local government by a gang.

Many indigenes of the area were subjected to thorough beating by men of the under world after they were dispossessed of their belongings.

The incident forced many families to vacate their homes and seek refuge in the bush.

## Road rehabilitation suffers as Ladipo Market comes alive again

VEHICULAR and business activities are upswing again along the popular Ladipo Street, Mushin, home of popular Ladipo vehicle spare parts market.

But fairly used vehicles sellers, abandoned and disused vehicles and mechanics are hampering rehabilitation work being carried out on the road by the Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (LAMATA).

Following this development, LAMATA has appealed to the Chairman of the Mushin-Ajina Local Council Development Area, Mr. Seye Oladejo, to assist the Authority in clearing the road of any obstructions.

During a visit to the road, in company of Hon. B.Y. Ayinla, representing Mushin II at the Lagos House of Assembly, LAMATA Managing Director, Dr. Dayo Mobereola, urged the

local council to effect the enforcement of vehicular traffic and safety regulations on the road.

Dr. Mobereola specifically cited the all-important need for unhindered traffic flow, the issue of illegal parking and abandoned vehicles on the road.

While commending LAMATA on the quality of job done on the road, Hon. Oladejo gave an assurance that he would work in conjunction with LAMATA's consultant and contractor to ensure the road space is cleared of all obstructions.

The Chairman assured that the warehouse owners and traders along the road would be compelled to remove their trailers and heavy-duty trucks from the roadside.

Their removal is vital if the necessary Traffic System Management measures are to be undertaken on the road.