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Robbers waylay bullion van, kill 2 cops, cart away millions of naira

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NO fewer than seven persons including two mobile policemen were killed while four others injured in a robbery attack in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State

capital.

The incident took place between the Igwuruta Airport road and JCC Construction Company weekend when a bullion van said to have carried huge amount of money, was shot at severally, killing the two

mobile policemen escorting it.

The robbers disappeared with undisclosed sum of money to an unknown destination.

Sunday Champion was told that while they were running away with the money, the armed robbers shot sporadically to scare passersby and motorists playing the route.

Our correspondent who was at the scene of the incident, gathered that a jeep vehicle carrying five persons, somersaulted on sighting the robbery operation and the occupants of the vehicle died immediately.

The attack which happened between 1.30pm and 2pm caused a lot of untold hardships to motorists, as most passengers travelling to the neighbouring states got stranded while others made u-turns.

Sunday Champion also gathered that the injured persons were taken to unknown hospital for treatments while the corpses of the deceased persons had been deposited in a mortuary.

Confirming the incident, the Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Ireju Barasua, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) while confirming the incident, said only two police officers were killed in the robbery attack and several others wounded. Barasua who did not disclose the names and identities of the officers said the command is working relentlessly to arrest the hoodlums, appealing to the public to assist the police by reporting incidents of crime to the command for necessary actions.

The PPRO who did not disclose the number of robbers involved in the operation, called on the public to cooperate with the police in arresting hoodlums. She insisted that the command is combat ready to fight crimes and wipe criminals from the state.

"Rivers State will ensure that the state remains an investors-friendly state to all Nigerians, irrespective of tribe or religion," Barasua further stated.

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the federal government should adopt it for the benefit of all and democracy.

According to him, he wondered how his domain, Alimosho local government, which was allocated 200m machines, would have all its people registered.

"My local government is the largest in Lagos State and you can imagine that only 7,000 people have registered so far. People have been bombarding my palace protesting day and night in the on-going registration exercise.

"The Federal Government should look into this and find a lasting solution to it

before it affects the transition programme.

I remember that by this time in 2002 during the voters registration exercise, millions of people had registered in Alimosho local government. I had contacted the concerned authorities in Lagos and I believe that if the electronic process is not effective, the federal government should revert to the old way to solve the problem we are having now," Oba Balogun said.

He denied ever hijacking the exercise to favour his son, adding that all the political aspirants in the area are his children as the traditional ruler of the council area.