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ABOUT 10 persons, including an 11-year old primary school pupil were separately killed, weekend, and scores of others injured at various locations in Lagos by escaping armed gunmen.

The pockets of robbery operations in the nation's commercial hub, has instilled fears in Lagosians over the security situation in the state.

This is even as residents of Shogunle Community, Oshodi, who were raided by robbers have fled their homes for safety.

Daily Champion learnt that some of them are taking refuge

Gunmen kill 10 in Lagos

in mosques and churches in the area for fear of possible return of the robbers who purportedly threatened to return after few days.

But succour may have come the way of Lagosians as police have vowed to adopt high profile security measures to curb robbery menace in the nation's commercial hub.

As at press time, five persons suspected to be the masterminds of the operations have been arrested by the police.

Daily Champion learnt that four people including an 11-year

old primary pupil were killed by the dare-devils robbers during the operation at Shogunle.

Our correspondent also gathered that three other persons, including a pregnant woman were killed by stray bullets of the escaping gunmen at Agric Bus stop, along Badagry expressway.

A witness told Daily Champion that the suspects were operating along the road, about 100 metres from Ojo Military Cantonment, Ojo when anti-robbery policemen, on a tip off, challenged them, forcing them to flee.

The unidentified deceased were said to have been hit by the stray bullets as the gunmen shot sporadically to pave way for their escape.

Also at Ajangbadi, Ojuelegba, Igando, Alagbado, Alausa and its environs, armed robbery operations allegedly claimed the lives of four people. At Ojuelegba, the robbers who operated on motorcycle, killed a businessman, said to be returning from the Eastern part of the country.

The robbery that took place along Lagos State University (LASU) Igando road also claimed the life of a man who was not properly identified as at press time.

However, the robbery at Shogunle, Oshodi left many families sorrowful as several homes were burgled, ransacked and property looted by the criminals.

A source at Shogunle said the bandits arrived the place in six buses and carried out a house-to-house raid.

Many people were beaten to a pulp and several others wounded. Some of the wounded ones are recuperating in a hospital at the place.

Reacting to the incidents, Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni said "Anti robbery policemen from Area E, FESTAC, at Free Niger, along Badagry road ran into robbers in the act of robbing communities and arrested them.

Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police (SP) said that another batch of policemen attached to Alausa, Ikeja also engaged another set of robbery suspects in gun duel, forcing them to abandon some of their (robbers) ammunition.

He further confirmed that some people died in the process while others sustained various degrees of injuries.

Ojajuni, who said that the command was holding security meeting, noted that the command would ensure that robbery suspects do not escape.



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