

# Robbers storm petrol station, kill guard

**G**UNMEN stormed AP Petrol Station at Ilewe, bus stop, Ejigbo in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos State killing the security guard and injuring others last Monday.

*Daily Champion* learnt that the robbers arrived the filling station at 2 am in one Opel saloon car and shot sporadically to frighten residents and police from challenging them.

An eye-witness told our reporter that the suspects

who wore masks went straight to the vault of the filling station to steal money but the deceased security guard on duty, confronted them, resulting in exchange of gun fire.

According to him," the gunmen numbering about four and armed with various kinds of pistols requested the security guard, to co-operate with them of face their wrath, but instead, the security guard, believed to be a member of Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) challenged them.

The suspects were said to have severally shot at the guard but bullets refused to enter until one of the robbers poured sand into the gun and killed him instantly, other security guards escaped with injuries. The corpse of the guard had been deposited at a public mortuary at Isolo.

Reacting, police spokesman, Mr. Frank Mbah said, "We got a distress call that robbers were operating AP filling station, Liasu road, we drafted our

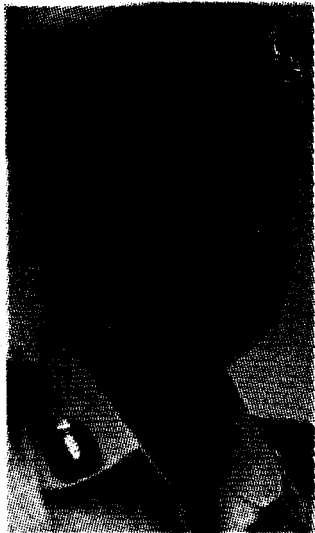
men and on sighting the police, the gunmen opened fire on the police, resulting in exchange of gun fire. The suspects escaped with bullet wounds".

Speaking on other robbery incidences in the state during the week, Mbah, a deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the police at Ilemba House at Ajangbadi division killed one robbery suspect during a gun duel with the police.

Mbah said the deceased was among the four-man robbery gang that attacked an undisclosed businessman at Ojo, Lagos.

The police spokesman noted that the police at Mushin also arrested one Olufiniyi Olu suspected to be driver of armed robber gang. The suspect was said to be cruising in one jeep, when he was arrested.

Mbah said, preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect was going to collect his colleagues for robbery operation. Adding that arms were recovered from the suspect.



• Mr. Mohammed Abubakar, AIG, zone two, Onikan Lagos.