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Gunmen kill 2 kids, 6 others in Lagos

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MORE than eight persons, including two primary school pupils, have been killed by bandits in Lagos.

Investigations by *Daily Champion* showed that five persons were killed yesterday at Odunade bus stop, along Mile Two/Orile Expressway when armed robbery suspects attacked a fishing company at the place.

Daily Champion also learnt that two person were killed at Bariga when bandits attacked a vigilante group in the area while another died at Agric bus stop, Ojo, along Badagry Expressway.

He was killed by gunmen, while robbing a Coaster bus in the night.

Spokesman, of the Police Command, Lagos, Mr. Frank Mba, who confirmed some of the killings, said a total of 14 persons, including leaders of two armed robbery gangs, have been arrested.

Our Correspondent who visited Orile yesterday gathered that the robbers who struck at Odunade wore military camouflage and invaded the fishing company arround 10.00 am.

Eye witness said the bandits, numbering over 10 came to the place in a Toyota Corolla bus.

According to the witness who pleaded anonymity, the robbers carted away money and shot indiscriminately to pave way for their escape.

He noted that one boy whose identity could not be ascertained as at press time was shot in the thigh by the fleeing robbers.

He told our Correspondent that the injured boy was in critical condition at the emergency ward of a hospital in the area.

He said stray bullet hit the primary school pupil who was buying something near the place.

At Bariga, *Daily Champion* gathered that armed robbery suspects allegedly killed two members of a vigilante group during a house to home raid in a street in the area.

Another eyewitness said the residents of the area quickly mobilized themselves and confronted the robbers, resulting in the arrest of one Ganiyu, a.k.a Omoejo and Abiodun. He said both of them were leaders of their separate gangs.

Mba who confirmed that the suspects arrested in connections with the Bariga incident had been transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba.

Although he declined comment on the actual number of causalities he said: "I know that two died, at Bariga but I've not got details of the incident at Odunade. I've been trying to contact the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) or other relevant authorities over the incident."

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