

Police kill 3 robbers, injure one in Lagos

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Policemen, attached to the Special Anti Robbery Squad, SARS, Ilasa, Police station yesterday displayed gallantry as they killed three members of a six-man robbery gang who allegedly raided some houses in the area.

Saturday Champion gathered that one of the suspects, who sustained severe bullet wounds, was arrested along with the deceased while two others escaped with bullet wounds.

The killing of the suspects came barely twenty-four hours after detectives from Ajah police station also killed three armed robbery suspects. The latter met their Waterloo while robbing some occupants of the Love Estate in the area.

A police source at Ilasa told *Saturday Champion* that the dare-devil robbery suspects successfully raided occupants of a house, located at the foot of the Ilasa bridge and dispossessed them of their valuables, including cash.

He added that the suspects came to the area in their 230 Mercedes Benz V-boot car, at about 5a.m and held the residents at gun point. The suspects also cordoned off all the exit and entry points in the area to avoid confrontations from security agencies, including members of the Oodua People Congress, OPC.

Our source who prayed for anonymity said a good Samaritan who noticed unusual movement inside one of the affected houses sent a distress call to Ilasa police station.

He stated that the Divisional

Police Officer, DPO, of the station, on receiving the distress call, quickly summoned his men and drilled them on the best way to tackle the robbers. The DPO was alleged to have advised the policemen not to confront them immediately to avoid loss of lives on the side of the policemen. The DPO, who personally led the operation, laid ambush at strategic point and shared his men among the exit and entrance points and urged them not to shoot but to patiently wait until when the robbers would have concluded their operation. He argued that shooting by the police would make the robbers retaliate and shoot sporadically, which would lead to the death of innocent ones considering the population density of the area.

The source noted that the advice of the DPO worked when three of the robbers were gunned down by the policemen at one of the points. The suspects were attempting to escape with their loots when the ambushed cops raised their bullets on them; killing three instantly while one was badly wounded.

He said that two others escaped with bullet wounds. The policemen left them to avoid killing innocent persons.

Confirming the incident, Police Spokesman, Mr. Samuel Jinadu commended the Ilasa police station for their vigilance. He assured that police would apprehend the fleeing ones. The Deputy Superintendent of Police warned criminals to flee the city or face the wrath of the police.