

Robbers kill police inspector, four others feared dead in Lagos

A police inspector was killed while four persons were feared dead yesterday in two separate bank robbery operations in Lagos.

Daily Trust reliably gathered that a gang of about 30 armed robbers operating in three vehi-

From Bola Ojuola, Lagos

cles stormed a branch of First Bank located in Ibeshi Owode area of Ikorodu, an outskirt of Lagos at about 9.30am and started shooting indiscriminately.

Sources said the robbers were about gaining entry into the strong room of the bank when policemen from a nearby police post got wind of the operation.

A team of policemen from Ipakodo, the police post and

some nearby police stations were said to have raced to the scene to engage the robbers.

The Lagos State police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olubode Ojajuni, who later confirmed the death of a police inspector at the scene, said the

robbers had fled the scene while the policemen pursued them to Ikorodu-Sagamu road.

Ojajuni said while the policemen were still on the trail of the robbers, they abandoned a Honda Accord car and snatched a Mercedes Benz car.

He also said two other cars including a Toyota Camry car were also abandoned by the robbers who kept switching cars as the policemen continued to pursue them.

The police spokesman said at the end, the robbers abandoned one of the cars and one AK 47 rifle as well as two magazines and entered a nearby bush.

Final submissions on guber, senatorial polls

Bapetel claimed that he was the actual winner of the election. He then filed a case at the tribunal seeking nullification of the result declared by INEC to allow the conduct of a fresh poll.

His lawyers, Ricky Tarfa (SAN) and Tayo Jegede, had last month presented two witnesses — Bapetel himself and his running mate, Piton Peno Power — and tendered election result, video clips and CDROMs to prove their case.

Jegede made final submissions on the case yesterday, urging the tribunal to accept their prayers

and order Governor Nyako to vacate office immediately.

INEC's lawyer, Dunama Dzama Azura, equally made his final submission yesterday. He had earlier wanted to amend one particular motion but was disallowed by the tribunal.

The lead counsel to Governor Nyako and the PDP, Olawale Akani (SAN), also made his final submission yesterday, urging the tribunal to throw away the case. He had last month presented two witnesses: the INEC's administrative secretary, Michael

Na'Allah, who presented an election result and the general manager of the state-owned Adamawa Broadcasting Cooperation (ABC), Ayuba Tumba.

In the case of Adamawa central senatorial seat, the ADC candidate, Hellen Dalli, is seeking the nullification of Professor Jibril Aminu's election following her alleged unlawful exclusion from the contest by INEC. Aminu who was declared winner under the ruling PDP, is currently the chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.