

Police nab expressway robbers, kill one

Men of the Oyo State Police Command have arrested two out of four members of an armed robbery gang who have been terrorizing motorists along Lagos-Ibadan-Expressway.

One of the two arrested robbers who was fatally injured in a gun duel with the police later gave up the ghost, just as the two others took to their heels and escaped into the bush. The police said they were on the trail of the fleeing robbers.

The robbery suspect who is currently in the custody of the police, Stephen Adiaogwu, 29, sustained gunshot injury, but he was captured alive by the men of the Toll Gate Police Station who were alerted of the robbery by a bus driver.

Confessing to the crime, Stephen who was paraded before newsmen at the Toll Gate Police Station in Ibadan, said he and his deceased comrade at arms, Ogboebe, 32, were clothes sellers at Yaba, Lagos State.

According to him, they had alighted from a Lagos-painted bus at Lebo Village at about 11pm on Saturday where they raided motorists and dispossessed them of their belong-

**From Yemi Bamidele,
Ibadan**

ings indiscriminately.

But on sighting the patrol vehicle of the Police team led by the Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Dung, a Superintendent of Police, the gangsters opened fire while the Police retaliated. Stephen and Ogboebe sus-

tained gunshot wounds in the ensuing gunshot duel. Ogboebe later died before the press briefing organized by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Olabisi Okuwobi.

The PPRO showed newsmen the camouflage of black sacks cut into the shape of police vest with 'POLICE' boldly inscribed on it which the rob-

bers had worn to deceive unsuspecting motorists into believing they were security men on stop-and-search mission.

The Commissioner of Police for the State Command, Mr. Basiru Azeez, while commending his men for a good job well done, reiterated the determination of the Command to flush out miscreants from the state.

Makurdi car dealers seek protection

From Hir Joseph, Makurdi

Dealers of various categories of motor vehicles in Benue State have risen against insecurity of members, when on Saturday they complained against unjust arrest of members by the police.

Operating under the aegis of Motor Dealers Association (MODA), Benue State, the dealers who rose from an election where a 10 member executive committee was elected, gave their mandate to the newly elected executive body to fashion out a way to safe guard and guarantee security of business in the state.

They also warned unscrupulous members who are fond of passing wrong accusations on their business competitors,

and also inviting the police to make arrests based on the false accusations.

Chairman of Dash Motors, Alhaji Dahiru Shuaibu and that of Ash'fa Motors, Ashafa Garba who spoke separately sought the new leadership to liaise with the police and create a good rapport that will mean that the association is not only law abiding but willing to submit any member found wanting, criminally.

The newly elected chairman, Alhaji Ibrahim Bello, who thanked members for the opportunity given him to serve, sought their further cooperation to execute then mandate.

He insisted that members

must operate under the canopy of law, as he also assured them of efforts to get a constitution to operate with. Members elected were, Alhaji Ibrahim Bello of Ibo Motors as Chairman; Olu Afilaka as Vice Chairman; Mark Odeh as Secretary and Sanni Mijinyawa Mohammed as Assistant Secretary.

Others were Ashafa Garba as Treasurer; Terwase Nyamve as Public Relations Officer (PRO); Patrick Ezisi as Financial Secretary and Chinedu Adaoji as Provost. Alhaji Dahiru Shuaibu, Abukenchi, Johnson Omole and Charles Ezech were made the patrons of the association while Barr. Ucha Ulegede appointed as Legal Adviser.