

Robbery gang kills 5 policemen, 2 others in Ogun



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An armed robbery gang struck in Ogun State on Sunday night killing five policemen and two civilians. The attack came barely 48 hours after the state governor, Sen. Ibikunle Amosun, was honoured with the best security conscious governor in West African award in Ghana. It was gathered that the 15-man armed robbery gang carried out two separate attacks.

In the one that was carried out in Abeokuta, the robbers stormed an Apostolic Church located at Ijemo -Agbadu area of Abeokuta, the state capital at about 2.30am and during a shootout, the

driver of a Quick Response Squad (QRS) was hit by a bullet. Also killed by the robbers apart from the driver were two other police officers of the rank of Inspector. Newsmen learnt yesterday in Abeokuta that the same armed robbery gang had earlier operated at a filling station killing two police men and a 12 year old boy, simply known as Mubarak.

A witness said the Ibafo in Obafemi Owode council area attack occurred at about 8.30 pm

on Sunday with the victims loosing an undisclosed amount of money. Sources said the robbers who were all in a Mobile Police uniform operated in a commando style and were seen shooting sporadically into

the air. Speaking with newsmen at the scene of the incident, the Ogun State Police

Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, said it was the same gang that operated at Ibafo that invaded Abeokuta.

“The gang had before the Ibafo and Abeokuta incidents, already snatched an

SUV jeep. They attacked a hotel located on Abiola Way before heading to the Apostolic Church vicarage at Ijemo Agbadu area of the town where they killed the three policemen and injured two others.

“Two of our officers died instantly while another gave up the ghost on the

way to the hospital. Those who were injured are being attended to at the Federal

Medical Center, Idi-aba, Abeokuta”, he said.

He said the police have been able to arrest one suspect, and that he is helping with the investigation.

Meanwhile, Governor Ibikunle Amosun and the state's commissioner

of police have vowed to track down the criminals. The governor assured that the criminals would be caught, even as he commiserated with the families of those killed in the attacks.