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## ROBBERS KILL DRIVER, SPRAY BULLETS ON BUS AT MANDEREGI VILLAGE



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A middle-aged bus driver was on Sunday morning shot dead by suspected armed robbers that operated at Manderegi village, on the Abuja-Lokoja highway.

Our reporter learnt that in another incident, a Sharon bus with registration number XD 345 BUU, was sprayed with bullets by the robbers after the driver managed to escape their attack.

A passenger in the bus said the incident happened at about 6 a.m. when a gang of armed robbers wearing masks, emerged from the bush.

He said the first bus, a Hyundai, with registration number FKJ 217 XD, which was conveying passengers from Jos to Lagos, ran into the bandits at Abaji town, where the robbers opened fire on it, adding that the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the bush.

"In fact, our bus escaped another robbery attack at Oshogbo, while on our way from Lagos before this one happened again, when the robbers suddenly emerged from the bush and opened fire on the driver," he said.

He said the robbers fled into the bush as they could not succeed in dispossessing any of the passengers inside the bus of their valuables.

Another bus driver, with registration number XD 345 BUU, whose bus was riddled with bullets, said he was behind the Hyundai bus when the robbers opened fire on his vehicle.

"I was behind the bus right from Lagos. We escaped a robbery attack at Osogbo, in Osun State last night, and this morning ran into another gang of robbers. But I thank God, no passenger in my bus sustained injury," he said.

Our reporter, who arrived the scene shortly after the incident, saw the corpse of the bus driver covered with grass, while some passengers were seen discussing the robbery at Oshogbo.

Some policemen and soldiers later came to the scene and conveyed the corpse to hospital.

Efforts to get reaction of Abaji Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Ogungbemi Igbekele, were not successful as he did not pick calls put across to him on his phone.

It would be recalled that a gang of armed robbers last Saturday attacked motorists at

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