

CRIME NOTES

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ABUJA

ROBBERY: DARE devil robbers during the week unleashed terror across the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), robbing banks with little resistance from security operatives. The spate of robbery raised questions on the capability of the police force in crime fighting within commercial centres.

DELTA

KILLED: FOUR military personnel attached to the Joint Military/Police Task Force were confirmed dead following renewed clash with suspected armed militants who attacked a vessel conveying crude oil belonging to an oil company.

OYO

IMPERSONATION: OPERATIVES of the National Agency for Food Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) arrested a middle aged man parading himself as an official of the agency. The man, posing as an inspector, has confessed to duping over 60 patent medicine dealers within the state metropolis.

BENUE

MURDERED: A LECTURER with the Department of Social Studies in the state College of Education has been killed by yet-to-be identified gunmen. Police in the state are now investigating the incident, with a view to arresting the culprits.

RIVERS

EXPLOSIONS: ANOTHER mysterious explosion rocked a private residence in Port Harcourt, causing serious fear among residents of the state. Series of such incidents have occurred within the state in recent times.

ENUGU

EXECUTED: FIVE convicts were on Wednesday executed at the Federal Prisons, Enugu. The execution came after the prisoners had spent many years waiting for the hangman's noose. About 10 others are billed to suffer the same fate later.

ANAMBRA

KILLED: A CATHOLIC Priest, Anthony Nnabuike, was shot dead in Onitsha on Tuesday by suspected bandits. He was allegedly shot by the bandits in central Onitsha, while distributing invitation cards for his ordination.

LAGOS

KILLED: On July 11, at about 12:45pm, anti-robbery policemen attached to Orile Police Station, while on stop and search at Doyin blackspot, accosted a Mazda E2200 bus with four occupants. On sighting the police, the hoodlums opened fire on the team. During a swift gunbattle, two of the robbers were shot dead while two others escaped with bullet wounds.

FIRE: On July 12, at about 1:05pm, there was a report at Festac Police Station that the house of one Chief Olu Ibitoye, at 206 Road, House 5, Festac Town was razed by fire. Cause of the fire and value of the property destroyed are yet to be ascertained.

FOILED: On July 12, a team of anti-robbery policemen from Area D Command Headquarters, Mushin, while on patrol along Layi Oyekanmi Street, Mushin accosted two armed robbers operating on a motorcycle to rob. The team shot and killed one of the robbers, while the other escaped with their operational motorcycle. One locally made pistol and one live cartridge were recovered from the deceased robber.

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