

CRIME NOTES

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OGUN

ARRESTED: Three suspected ritualists, including a woman, are now in police net following their attempt to escape with several human skulls, which they dug up from different graves, allegedly, for ritual purposes. State Commissioner of Police, Joseph Apapa confirmed that the suspects were picked up at Ipaye Owode-Ogba area of the state.

OYO

KILLED: Nemesis has caught up with two suspected armed robbers, who specialised in robbing passengers as they were shot dead by men of the police anti-robbery squad.

The incident occurred along the Ogbomoso Road, when the men of the underworld engaged the police in gun duel. Two others were also arrested.

DELTA

ROBBERY: The state police command has arrested 30 armed robbery suspects, including a police constable, who had been terrorising residents of the state. Their arrest followed a directive from the state Commissioner of Police, Udom Ekpoudom that his officers flush out robbers in different parts of the state.

Also, armed robber attacked the Federal Secretariat, along Okpanam Road, Asaba and made away with goods and important documents.

ENUGU

KILLED: Two suspected armed robbers were shot dead recently by anti-robbery police men who engaged the robbers in gun duel along the expressway leading to Imo State. The state Commissioner of Police, Charles Dawodu confirmed the incident. Also recovered were four AK 47 assault rifles, two magazines and a bag containing live ammunitions and three exotic cars used for the operation.

LAGOS

RECOVERED: On October 5, at about 9:15am, a distress call was received at State C.I.D, Panti-Yaba, that some gunmen were robbing at Prince Supermarket, Diya Street, Gbagada. The scene was visited by anti-robbery policemen from Anthony Division and engaged the hoodlums. During exchange of gunfire, one of the hoodlums was shot dead while others fled with bullet wounds. One pump-action gun, five live and two expended ammunition were recovered from the dead robber.

ARRESTED: On October 5, at about 10pm, a distress call was received at State C.I.D, Panti-Yaba that a yet-to-be identified man, now at large, met one Idris Mamud, a Bureau De Change operator at Broad Street, Lagos and told him to bring \$11,000 for CFA. Idris sent his brother, one Saliu Mohammed with the money to follow the man to Marwa Guest House of the same street. On getting to the guesthouse, Mohammed was robbed of the money. The hoodlums also inflicted deep machete cuts on him and three others: Musa Bali, Abdul Mommuni and Salisu Isa Dogo.

The under listed suspects were arrested in the guest-house: Saliu Yakubu; Mallam Isha Mohammedu, a Nigerian; Abdulkadir Mbaki, a Senegalese; Emmanuel Sam and Akinola Basirat. Two iron cutters and a piece of wood were recovered from the hoodlums.

NABBED: On October 6, at about 8:30pm, a distress call was received at State C.I.D, Panti-Yaba, that men of the underworld were robbing at a Pharmaceutical Company on Toyin Street, Ikeja. A team of Anti-Robbery policemen attached to Ikeja Division were drafted to the scene. The robbers exchanged gunfire with the team and, in the process, one of the robbers later identified as Akeem Lawal was arrested with bullet wounds, while other escaped.

Also, on October 7, at about 9:45pm, the State CID Panti, Yaba received information that some armed robbers were robbing at Solus Hotel Junction, Ikotun, Lagos. Anti-Robbery Policemen attached to Ikotun Police Station were drafted to the scene and, on sighting the policemen, the hoodlums opened fire. During exchange of gunfire, one of the robbers was arrested with bullet wound while others escaped. One locally made double-barrel gun, five live and two expended cartridges were recovered. The injured robber later died.

FOILED: On October 8, at about 3am, a distress call was received at State C.I.D Panti, Yaba, that a gang of armed men numbering 10 entered the house of Ayo Bajomo at Femi Okunju, Phase II, Lekki. Policemen on duty near the scene were drafted there. On sighting the policemen, the hoodlums jumped over the fence, while one locally made double barrel gun, one chisel and one iron cutter were recovered.

FATAL ACCIDENT: On October 7, at about 7am, information was received at Ijanikin Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver of a commercial Urvan Bus rammed over 10-year-old Rilwan Kazeem of Ieoba, Ijanikin. The victim was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital where he later died.

Similarly, on October 7, at about 10:30pm, a report was lodged at Apapa Police Station that a DAF Truck driven by one Ali Gado from Kano State rammed over a yet-to-be identified male-pedestrian at Apapa. The victim died on the spot.

Finally, on October 8, at about 9am, there was a report at Ikorodu Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver of a Tipper Lorry hit a motorcyclist, Friday Igwe, of 76 Owode Igbeshe, Ikorodu, at Iyana School, along Ikorodu Expressway and escaped. The victim died on the spot.

ARRESTED: On October 6, at about 3:11am, a distress call was received at state C.I.D Panti, Yaba that two thieves, one Samuel Alfa of No. 5, Eniola Adesanya Street, Oshodi and a yet-to-be identified person entered GRA Primary School, Adekunle Fajuyi Way, Ikeja and ransacked the headmaster's office. The men carted away some books and ceiling fans. Anti-Robbery policemen from the station visited the scene and arrested the two robbers. One of them sustained injuries and later gave up the ghost.