

CRIME NOTES

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MURDER: TWO policemen and a suspected-armed robber lost their lives recently during a robbery operation that was eventually foiled by the police anti-robbery team. The slain policemen were killed during a gun duel with the men of the underworld along the Ulakwo Junction, Owerri - Aba Federal Highway.

BAYELSA

AUTO CRASH: Tears flew freely, within the week, when six serving members of the National Youth Service Corps died in a fatal motor accident along the Sagbama/Odi end of the East-West road in the state.

RIVERS

KILLED: Daredevil armed men recently attacked a bullion van conveying huge amount of money along the Aba/Port-Harcourt road. They shot dead the driver of the van in the process.

ENUGU

FREED: Reprieve came the way of 25 members of the Movement for the Actualization of Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB), who were standing trial before the state's Federal High Court for treason, as they were set free by the court.

KEBBI

WARNED: Police in the state have issued fresh warning to politicians currently going embarking on campaign to desist from reckless driving within the state metropolis. The state police command said it would arrest anyone, who goes against the rule.

DELTA

PEACE CALL: A Traditional Ruler in the state, His Royal Highness Charles D. Ogodu Usu II, The Odion-Rode of Unenurhie, in Ughelli North Local government area of Delta State has appealed to the state Commissioner of Police to help restore peace to his domain after he was recently attacked by unknown persons believed to be his opponents.

LAGOS

COMPENSATION: Residents of Holy Land Community, in Olodi Apapa area of Lagos State are still waiting for the Nigerian Custom Services to pay the community a compensation of about N50 million it won at the State High Court on March 20, 2006, following a land tussle during which some residents were maimed and others killed.

ARRESTED: - On March 2, about 10:10am, a team of detectives from the State CID Panti, arrested one Rasaki Aremu of Alaba, Ojo with 11 expended shells of .9mm ammunition, Police Beret Cap, one Identity Card, Army Uniform and assorted charms. The suspect is under going interrogation to ascertain the sources of the discovered items.

FATAL ACCIDENT: - On March 3, at about 5:45pm, a report was received at Orile Police Station that a commercial coaster bus, with Reg. No. XN.286 EKY driven by one Chinanasor Okeke of No. 15, Owolabi Street, Aguda ran over a yet-to-be identified adult male pedestrian, at Doyin B/Stop, along Badagry-Lagos Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

Similarly on March 2, at about 4pm, the Ilupeju Police Station received a report that a vehicle, Reg. No. CH. 61 LSD, driven by one Tajudeen Odesanmi of Block 507, flat 1, Oke Afa Street, Isolo, ran over one Victoria Ochei of No. 4, Awoyokun Street, Onipanu, along Awoyokun Street. The victim was rushed to the hospital where she later died.

MURDER: On March 5, at about 7pm, a report was lodged at State CID Panti-Yaba, that members of the Onikoyi Unit, Orile Agege, Gani Adams' faction of the OPC, while driving dangerously in a convoy of commercial buses, including a Toyota Hiace Bus, Reg. No. XC 781 AGL, according to eyewitness account, ran over a yet-to-be-identified motorcyclist and a passenger at Ahamadiya Bus Stop, along Abeokuta

Expressway. Rather than assist victims to get medical attention, the OPC men alighted from their buses and matcheted the two to death. The case is under investigation.

FIRE INCIDENT: On March 1, at about 10:45am, information was received at Ikorodu Police Station that there was fire outbreak at Block C, Flat 3, Ikorodu Police Barracks. Cause of fire is suspected to have emanated from an electric cooker. A Police search and rescue team, led by the DPO, rescued children trapped inside the flat. The value of property destroyed in the inferno is yet to be estimated. No life was lost.

ACCIDENT: On March 5, at about 5:30am, there was a report at Ojokoro Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver of a tipper lorry, hit the conductor of a commercial 911 Mercedes Bus, Reg. No. XA 698 LSD, one Abu Akpako, at Ijaiye Bus Stop along Abeokuta Expressway and escaped. The victim was hospitalised but later died. Traffic police officers from the named police stations, which visited the scenes, removed the corpses to the mortuary for autopsy. The cases are under investigation.