

CRIME NOTES

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SOKOTO

ACCIDENT: NO fewer than 10 persons were feared killed following a ghastly motor accident involving a Toyota 'First Lady' Model and a Toyota Starlet car. The incident, which occurred at Gurayi village area of the state, attracted scores of sympathisers, to the scene.

ABUJA

NABBED: THE gunmen, who killed the Commissioner of Police in charge of the nation's Police Mobile Force (PMF), late Mr Felix Oteka, has been arrested by detectives. One of the suspects, who gave his name as Richard Nyako, a.k.a. Dan -Ghana, told the police that he and his men shot the late CP in error during an aborted robbery operation, as he was not their target.

RIVERS

ABDUCTED: MILITANTS operating in the oil rich state have sent out another warning signal at the weekend, when they kidnapped six expatriates and took them to unknown destinations within the region. The action came few days after another group abducted the mother of the state's governor-elect but later released her. The militants usually target foreigners working in the oil industry.

BAYELSA

KIDNAPPED: ANOTHER group of militant also abducted five expatriates working in different oil firm. Sources said another set of kidnapped victims were equally released.

EDO

AUTO CRASH: TEARS flew freely, following the death of 17 persons in a motor accident along the Warri - Benin expressway. The victims were said to be coming back from Warri where they had attended a funeral ceremony. Their bodies were later removed and kept at nearby mortuary.

ENUGU

KILLED: A young girl was confirmed dead when police engaged suspected armed robbers in gun duel at a community bank, in Uwani area of the state. The state police command has detailed a crack squad from the state Criminal Investigation Department to track the gang.

ABUJA

PROSECUTION: A few weeks after the general elections, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) said about 1093 persons, who committed electoral offences will soon be charged to court. The suspects were arrested by security agencies during the just concluded elections across the country.

KANO

UNHOLY WEDLOCK: DISTURBED by the recent alleged lesbian marriage in Kano, the Kano State Police Command has invited for questioning the Deputy Commander of the Kano State Hisbah Command in charge of operations, Abdulkarim Rabo; presenter of a news magazine programme, Indaranka on Freedom Radio, Sunusi Ahmad Bature; and the man, who took the information of the purported same sex marriage to the radio station, Bashir Sani Taurani.

The women accused of marrying each other had officially reported the matter to the police, when they came out from their hideout, nine days after the case was first reported, demanding that it be investigated and charged to court to prove their innocence.

LAGOS

ROBBERY: THREE policemen and two civilians were shot dead when daredevil robbers attack a branch of one of the new generation banks situated around Gbagada area of the state

FOILED: ON May 1, at about 10:40am, a distress call was received at Man-Centre Police Station that gunmen were operating at Manikins Fast Food Restaurant, Adeniyi Jones, Ikeja. A team of Anti-Robbery policemen from the station raced to the scene and, on sighting the police, the bandits fired sporadically and escaped. Two unidentified persons were hit by the stray bullets fired by the fleeing robbers. The victims are responding to treatment in the hospital.

FATAL ACCIDENT: ON April 30, at about 4:20pm, information was received at Dopemu Police Station that a commercial Mitsubishi Bus, with Reg. No. XG 587 SMK, driven by one Kingsley Olorunfemi ran over a pedestrian, one Olajire Akinade, at Dopemu under bridge. The victim died on the way to the hospital.

Similarly, on May 1, at about 7:30pm, there was a report at Denton Police Station that a yet-to-be identified motorcyclist ran over a female pedestrian, one Ekenechukwu Dominic at Iddo and escaped. The victim died on the spot. The scenes have been visited by traffic policemen from the respective police stations and corpses removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

ARRESTED: ON April 27, at about 4:30pm, a team of Anti-Robbery policemen from Area 'B' Command, acting on a tip-off, trailed a five-man robbery gang to Robat Cosharis Motors, Kirikiri Town, where they arrested one Solomon Essien of no fixed address. The suspect was arrested with one locally made revolver pistol, while others escaped. He has made useful statement that is helping the police to track down others.

Similarly, on April 27, at about 6am, a team of Anti-Robbery policemen from Layeni police station, acting on a tip-off, arrested one Shakanle Moses of No. 119, Oyediji Street, Layeni with one locally made pistol at No. 23, Ibitoye Street, Layeni-Alaba. The suspect has made useful statement.

MURDER: ON April 27, at about 4:20pm, a report was received at State CID Pantti, Yaba that one Lekan Adenikan, a security guard at No. 3, Iju Road, along Pen-Cinema, Ogba was shot dead by his colleague, Johnson Dada, in a yet-to-be determined circumstances. The suspect has been arrested and the corpse removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.