

CRIME NOTES

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RIVER

ABDUCTED: A three-year-old British national, kidnapped by suspected militants, who at the weekend asked the girl's father to be swapped for his daughter. A combined team of men of the Joint Task Force and the Police are currently working to ensure the release of the minor, who was whisked away on her way back from school.

OSUN

ARRAIGNED: FOUR persons were arraigned at an Osogbo Magistrate court, recently, over their alleged possession of human skulls. The suspects, who are all male, were alleged to have conspired to implicate another elderly man over the skull found with them.

OYO

FOILED: NEMESIS has caught up with three suspected gunmen, who attacked the residence of the state's former governor, Alhaji Rashidi Ladoja, as they were gunned down by policemen detailed to protect the Ladoja's residence. The state police command has begun full investigation into the incident.

DELTA

KIDNAPPED: THE activities of militants have continued to generate fresh fear in parts of the state, following the recent abduction of about five oil workers attached to a leading oil company at Oke-venkoko, Warri South West local council of the state.

Government is still finding it very difficult to engage the militants in peace dialogue to stop restiveness in the region. The high spate of kidnapping has no doubt reduced oil production in the country.

KATSINA

NABBED: OPERATIVES of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have arrested a drug baron in the state. The suspect, according to an NDLEA source, has been a long sought-after dealer of different hard drugs in the state.

KANO

ROBBERY: DAREDEVIL armed robbers recently attacked a petrol station in Kano, killing two persons during the incident. Police are still on trail of the robbers, who fled shortly after the operation.

LAGOS

ARRESTED:- ON June 29, at about 11pm, anti-robbery policemen, attached to Ilupeju Police Station, while on patrol along Ikorodu Expressway, accosted four armed men in a Nissan Bluebird Saloon car, with Reg. No. RG 103 KJA, who were robbing Okuneye Oladekan, Jimoh Omolade Fatimo and others. On noticing the presence of policemen, the hoodlums opened fire on the patrol vehicle and in the ensuing gun battle, two of the robbers, namely Atolagbe Olalekan and Alex Daniel were arrested with bullet wounds while two others escaped also with bullets wounds, abandoning the car. Eleven assorted handsets concealed in a black bag, confirmed to have been snatched from victims, one military belt and two live ammunition were recovered in the car.

DISTURBANCE OF PUBLIC PEACE:- ON June 29, at about 4:30pm, one Tosin Ogunsanya of No. 17, Giwa Street, Onipanu was arrested with one-locally made double barrel shot gun, two live cartridges and two cutlasses at Onipanu/Pamgrove Motor Park by an anti-robbery team attached to S.C.I.D Panti.

Suspect confessed that he and nine others, now at large, were hired by one of the branch officials of Onipanu Motor Park to take control of the park on his behalf. The hoodlums, allegedly, damaged motor windscreens and injured several innocent persons before their arrest.

COLLAPSED BUILDING: ON June 29, at about 10:30am, information was received at Area 'G,' Ogba that a building, under construction at Karaole Estate, Iju had collapsed and trapped an unspecified number of persons in the building. At the time of incident, two yet-to-be identified adult females sustained injuries, while three kids and an unidentified person died on the spot.

FIRE INCIDENT:- ON June 29, at about 6:30pm, there was a report at Ejigbo Police Station that a Tanker Truck, filled with petroleum products, fell on its side along NNPC Road, Ejigbo and went up in flames. One other tanker and 15 vehicles in a nearby mechanic workshop along aforementioned road were razed. The fire was later put out by a team of policemen and firefighters.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT:- ON June 30, at about 6:30am, the Alakuko Police Station received information that the driver of a commercial LT35 Volkswagen Bus, with Reg. No. Ex 107 RBC, ran over a pedestrian, 75-year-old Martins Asubiojo of No. 25, Adeniyi Street, Alagbado at Adeniyi Bus Stop along Abeokuta-Oshodi Expressway. Victim died on the way to the hospital.

RECOVERED: ON July 1, at about 4:30pm, there was a report at Ikorodu Police Station that four armed men blocked one Shokoya and his wife, Olufunke of Shagamu and robbed them of a Toyota Avensis S/Car with the inscription "Allied Computers" at Addis Ababa Street, Close to Benson Bus Stop, Ikorodu. The hoodlums allegedly drove towards Ketu. But acting on the report, the DPO led an anti-Robbery team to lay ambush, which on sighting the convoy of the robbers exchanged gunfire with them. Two of the robbers, who gave their names as Salami Hammed and Yusuf Lawal, were arrested with bullet wounds while others managed to escape with the Infinity and the Jeep. The Toyota Avensis was recovered.

KILLED:- ON July 2, at about 11:17pm, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen attached to Oke-Odo Police Station took two arrested armed robbers on enquiry to their hide-out at Katangwa, Oke-Odo, Agege. On sighting the policemen, their gang members opened fire on the policemen, during which two of the suspected robbers, who attempted to escape, were shot.