

CRIME NOTES

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ABUJA

COMPENSATION: THE Acting Inspector General of Police, Mike Okiro has approved the payment of three-month salaries to the family of policemen who died while in combat. The IG's decision is to motivate the officers in the ongoing fight against crime.

BENIN

ACCIDENT: NO fewer than seven persons lost their lives in various multiple accidents which occurred along the failed Benin —Ore Road. The accidents were due to high speeds of drivers who were scared of robbery attack along the route.

DELTA

ARMS SEARCH: THE State Police Command is currently combing parts of the state to mop up arms believed to be in the hands of people suspected to be militants. The exercise yielded result recently when detectives recovered some AK47 and made an arrest.

RIVERS

AUTO CRASH: NO fewer than four persons were feared dead following a ghastly motor accident involving two commercial buses within Port-Harcourt, the state capital.

Also, the Joint Military Task Force recently arrested five suspected illegal oil bunkerers at Egborode, near Sapele.

BAYELSA

SECURITY ALERT: THERE was heavy security presence across major oil facilities following fresh threats by militants to resume attack on oil installations.

ONDO

ROBBERY: THE State Police Command has arrested no fewer than 15 armed robbery suspects within the week. The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Shehu Babalola paraded the suspects recently before journalists.

LAGOS

PIPELINE VANDALS: ON July 15, at about 2am, information was received at the Anti-Pipeline Vandalisation Task Force, Ikeja that vandals were operating at OPIC area, under the bridge. A team of policemen from the station raced to the scene and arrested the duo of Wahab Jinadu, alias Doctor of No. 413 Road, OPIC Estate, Ogun State and Alfa Bashiru Mohammed of No. 30, Samora Street, Ketu. Preliminary investigation revealed that Jinadu had been the brain behind series of vandalism in Lagos area. One Trailer Tanker, with Reg. No. XK 246 BDG loaded with thirty-three thousand litres of petroleum product, was recovered from the suspects, while others escaped.

DISTURBANCE OF PEACE: ON July 17, at about 6:30am, information was received at Area 'G', Ogba that two factions of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) from Elere gathered at NITEL Junction Motor Park, armed with cutlasses and other dangerous weapons, to engage themselves in free-for-all fight. Some members sustained injuries during the fracas. A team of policemen from Elere Police station and Area G' Command were drafted to the scene to maintain peace. Five persons were arrested in connection with the incident.

FIRE INCIDENT: ON July 17, at about 11:50pm, a report was received at Owode Onirin Police Station that there was fire outbreak at Owode-Onirin Spare Parts Market, along Ikorodu Expressway. The scene was immediately visited by policemen from the station who assisted fire servicemen to put out the fire. Cause of fire and value of property destroyed are yet to be ascertained.

KILLED: ON July 18, at about 10pm, a distress call was received at Alakuko Police Station that some suspected armed robbers had blocked the Bakare- Cele-Ota Road, Alakuko and were robbing passersby. A team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from the station raced to the scene and, on sighting the police, the bandits opened fire and the police answered. In the process, two suspected robbers were shot dead and two arrested while others escaped. One locally made single barrel gun and two live cartridges were recovered from the suspects.

Similarly, on July 19, at about 1:40am, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from Ikoyi Police Station, acting on a tip-off, arrested one Nelson Oburu of Ojo area with one SMG rifle No. OFN.24534 and two live ammunition at Thompson Avenue, Ikoyi. One Sony Ericson handset, suspected to be stolen, was also recovered from the suspect. The suspects have made useful statement that is helping the police to track down others at large.

MURDER: ON July 17, at about 6:46am, a report was received at State C.I.D, Panti-Yaba that one Henry Olawale, of unknown address, allegedly pushed one Gbenga Olagoke during argument at Total Filling Station, Tipper Garage, Ketu after which the victim slumped and died on the way to the hospital. The scene was immediately visited by policemen from the station and the corpse removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

HIT AND RUN: ON July 18, at about 10pm, information was received at Ogudu Police Station that a yet-to-be identified driver ran over one Mallam Sam of No. 213, Dada Street, Mile 12 Market, Ketu, at Ojota, along Ikorodu Expressway and escaped. The victim died on the spot.