

CRIME NOTES

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ABUJA

ARRESTED: POLICE at the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) command have arrested 12 Cameroonians who had staged a protest in front of the American embassy seeking for asylum. The protesters had alleged that they are no longer safe in the country, which angered the police.

EKITI

CLASHED: TWO persons were feared dead when policemen and okada riders clashed at Ado Ekiti. One account of the incident said that the clash started when the okada operators refused to part with certain amount of money demanded by the policemen.

DELTA

ROBBERS: DARE-devil robbers, who had been terrorising road users along the Sapele/Warri area, met stiff opposition recently when they encountered men of the Joint Task Force (JTF). The robbers abandoned their arms and ammunition and fled.

OSUN

ROBBERY: THERE was pandemonium recently at Ikirun, headquarters of Ifelodun local council, when some suspected armed robbers raided a bank within the area. The heavily armed robbers bandits had a field day and stole undisclosed amount of money, running into millions of naira.

BAUCHI

NARCOTICS: FIFTEEN persons, including a pregnant woman, were recently arrested by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) with hard drugs, suspected to be Indian hemp. The suspects were paraded by the state commander of the agency, Mr. Sule Momodu.

LAGOS

BURNT: NO fewer than 10 persons lost their lives when a trailer tanker carrying fuel went up in flames near the National Stadium complex, Ojuelegba.

FOILED: On October 4, at about 3:35am, a distress call was received at State CID, Panti-Yaba that a gang of armed men entered a warehouse at No. 171 Ladipo Street, Mushin in a bid to rob. Teams of policemen, including APC crew, were drafted to the scene. There was exchange of gunfire and the hoodlums were forced to abandon their mission and fled.

MOTOR ACCIDENT: ON September 30, at about 1:20pm, the Iponri Police Station received a report that a lorry, with Reg. No. AG 786 GDD, driven by one Ganiyu Aremu ran into a commercial bus, with Reg. No. XE 389 LND, at Alaka Bus Stop, along Western Avenue, Surulere. The conductor (driver's mate) died on the spot while others sustained injuries and were hospitalised.

On October 3, at about 5pm, there was a report at Maroko Police Station that a Golf S/Car, Reg. No. ML 847 KJA, driven by one Felix Corena ran over a yet-to-be identified male pedestrian at Total filling Station, along Epe-Expressway, Maroko. The victim was rushed to the hospital but later died.

On October 4, at about 6:20am, a report was lodged at Oko-Oba Police Station that a Blue Bird Bus, with Reg. No. XN 491 JJJ, driven by one Oko Samuel ran over a yet-to-be identified adult pedestrian close to Abule-Egba 'U' Turn Bus Stop, along Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway. The victim died on the spot.

Similarly, on October 4, at about 9:30am, a report was received at Ijaiye-Ojokoro Police Station that a Kia S/Car, with Reg. No. HL 660 AAA driven by one Isaac Adeyemo, ran over a motorcyclist and two yet-to-be identified pedestrian at Ijaiye Bus Stop, along Lagos-Abeokuta expressway. The two pedestrians died on the spot while the motorcyclist sustained injuries and was hospitalized.

Finally, on October 4, at about 10am, there was a report at Surulere Police Station that a commercial Izuzu Bus, with Reg. No. XG 109 FST, driven by one Tunji Adio ran over one Simisitu Imisi, close to Stadium Bus Stop, Surulere. The victim was rushed to the hospital but later died. Traffic policemen from the respective Police Stations visited the scene and the corpses removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

ARRESTED: On September 30, at about 1:30am, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from Ketu Police Station, while on foot patrol at Jakande Market, Ketu arrested two armed robbers: namely Yomi Akinmagbe and John Kolawole, alias Omojorgbo; both of Lambe Akute, Ogun State. The suspects were arrested with one locally-made pistol, four cartridges and a Audi 80 S/Car with Reg. KQ 744 AAA. Suspects confessed they robbed the car from a yet-to-be identified person at Akute.

Similarly, on September 29, at about 2:30am, a team of policemen from Mosafejo Police Station, while on stop-and-search duty at Anthony blackspot, arrested three suspects on a motorcycle, Reg. No. QJ 56 AKD. During search, one double barrel shot gun and nineteen (19) live cartridges were recovered. The suspects have made useful statement.

On October 4, at about 8:10pm, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen from Ikeja Police Station, acting on information, arrested the duo of Azeez Bakare and Philip Francis, both of no fixed address, with a toy pistol and one stolen motorcycle, close to Sheraton Hotel junction, Ikeja. The suspects confessed to have robbed one Ololade Muraina and Aroyade Kayode.