

CRIME NOTES

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RIVERS

RELEASED: TWO expatriate staff of an Italian oil servicing firm, Saipem, who were kidnapped two weeks ago have been released. The expatriates, a Filipino and a Columbian, were abducted by gunmen, who attacked the company, which is based on the outskirts of Port Harcourt.

ARRAIGNED: Five suspected kidnappers have been arraigned in court over their involvement in the recent kidnap of a British national, Mr. David Ward. The victim had spent 55 days in captivity before he regained freedom.

IMO

GANGSTERS: SUSPECTED students gangsters, in the early hours of last Wednesday, caused a major panic at the Polytechnic town of Nekede, Owerri. Three people were reportedly killed by the mask-wearing gunmen. Police also confirmed that other persons were injured, but said the case was under investigation.

ROBBERY: POLICE in the state have arrested 20 armed robbery suspects, who had unleashed terror on residents of the state. The suspects were paraded, recently, by the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Donald Onyinye Iroham. The command also recovered 10 locally made single barrel and double barrel shotguns from the suspected robbers. Also recovered include 90 rounds of live ammunition of different calibre.

EDO

KILLED: FIVE persons were confirmed dead after two rival groups clashed during a chieftaincy tussle. The incident, which occurred at Iyakpi community, in Ibie South Local Council of the state, also left 15 people seriously injured. Police authorities in the state have deployed armed mobile policemen to the affected community with a view to restore peace.

ABUJA

NARCOTICS: OPERATIVES of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have arrested a 45-year-old man, with 1.3 killogrammes of cocaine. The suspect, who hails from Orhionwon Local Council of Edo State, excreted the substance at the departure wing of the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja, during screening.

ENUGU

NABBED: NEMESIS has caught up with two armed robbery suspects when they were arrested by a police detectives team, which swooped on them at their hideout. The two suspects, now in detention, were identified as the brain behind several robbery operations within the state.

KWARA

ARRESTED: 10 suspected armed robbers have been arrested following a recent bank robbery in the state. Their arrest followed a tip-off that the gang were a brief meeting at a hideout. Six of the suspects were shot dead when they engaged the police anti-robbery squad in a gun duel.

OSUN

BANK RAID: SUSPECTED armed robbers struck again at two different old generation banks in the state and made away with millions of naira. The attack brought to seven the number of such incidents recorded in the state within the last two months.

DELTA

AUTOCRASH: NO fewer than 10 persons lost their lives following multiple accidents that occurred along the Benin/Warri road. The victims were said to be coming from Lagos on a night journey before the accident. The buses exploded into flame and most of the victims were burnt to death.

LAGOS

ROBBERY: SUSPECTED armed robbers struck again at Okota, Isolo area of the state when they attacked a Bureau de change and shot dead the owner. The sporadic gun shots between the robbers and police anti-robbery team caused pandemonium in the vicinity as shops and offices, including banks, were forced to close for the day.

UNMASKED: AN armed robbery suspect, who usually disguised as a woman to rob victims on Lagos roads, has been arrested. The suspect, identified as Akeem Tijani, of no fixed address, was said to be operating alongside another suspect whose identity is yet unknown.

MURDER: A man, who reportedly killed one of his neighbours with a pestle, last Tuesday, has been described as one with "unsound mind". The incident, which happened at Egan Isawo, Ikorodu has thrown the community into confusion. The deceased, Kehinde Olowo lived in a building close to that of the suspect.