

Again, bandits kill six, wound 15 in Lagos

DARE devil armed robbers unleashed terror in different parts of Lagos State yesterday, killing no fewer than six persons and leaving 15 injured.

Among the dead were three policemen who were attacked by a fleeing armed robbery gang at Ojodu area of the state.

Lagos State has witnessed a series of robberies daily, which have resulted in killing and maiming of residents.

This is despite the state government's efforts to

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tackle the menace and reduce crime.

The Guardian learnt that a gang of robbers, who had operated within the state, were on their way out of the state when they sighted three policemen on stop and search and immediately opened fire on them.

Also, a businessman carrying a large sum of money was shot dead by another gang at Ajao Estate area of the state.

The robbers had trailed the man, who had just collected money from a bank before they attacked him. Those who attacked the businessman were said to be operating on a motorcycle.

His identity was still unknown as at press time.

At Ogba area of the state, a different gang of robbers attacked another businessman, stole his briefcase containing a large amount of money and shot him dead. The robbers, operating in a Sports Utility Vehicle

(SUV) also shot a pedestrian dead.

Many workers who close late have become victims of armed robbery. From Apapa to Oshodi, Ikeja, Ojodu, Ikorodu Road and Obalende to Ikoyi and Victoria Island, residents now live in fear over life and property as the Christmas draws closer.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr. Mohammed Abubakar has been holding weekly security meetings to address the situation.