

# Crime Notes

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**Lagos, Raid:** The police anti-robbery squad across the state police command has arrested no fewer than 150 armed robbers between December 2008 and January 2009.

The raid was carried at different criminal hideouts in the state metropolis. The effort to arrest the criminals followed the support given to the command by the State governor Babatunde Fashola (SAN), who last year boosted the operation of the force through the donation of 1,000 AK47 rifles and one million live bullets, which was received by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Mike Okiro.

**Rivers, Kidnapping:** The illegal activities of criminals, who engaged in abducting prominent citizens and foreigners have continued in the state. The Guardian source said security agencies are meeting to devise better strategies to tackle the menace.

The source added, that the joint task force are working on new lead to track down the masterminders of abductions within the Niger Delta region.

**Abuja Security:** The Inspector General of police has met with top police chiefs to fine tune plans in checking crime across the country.

Top sources said the high command is making effort to re-equip the force this year, despite the economic meltdown.

**Delta, Arrested:** Police detectives have arrested 15 armed robbers with several arms and ammunition recovered from them. The arrest was spurned by the high rate of criminal activities in the state.

**Bayelsa, Killed:** Four persons were feared dead, when men of the Joint Task Force clashed with suspected militants in the state. The defence authorities had vowed to flush out militant in the oil rich region this year.