

CRIME NOTES

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LAGOS

MURDER: The spate of armed banditry, maiming and killings across the state metropolis is causing serious panic among residents. Last Wednesday, at about 8.30PM, some unknown gun men riding on motorbike trailed the general manager of a trading company in Lagos and shot him dead inside his Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) Ford Explorer, registration number KA 751 AAA.

Also on September 15, at about 11.30 pm, the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti, Yaba received a report that one Kamoru Tajudeen, aged 19, and residence of No. 29, Beach Road, Ikorodu was allegedly hit with an object by one Aina Odugbesi while he was separating a fight between Odugbesi and one Yomi at the aforesaid address. The victim was rushed to a nearby hospital where he later gave up the ghost.

OYO

FOILED: It was a good week for three banks in Ibadan as policemen of the Oyo State command spoiled the fun for a gang of armed robbers who attempted to rob the banks.

The Guardian learnt that the robbers had stormed the banks in three unmarked vehicles — a black jeep, red BMW car and a Toyota Hiace — but were thwarted in their attempt to rob by the gallant officers who engaged them in gun duel.

RIVERS

GANGSTERS: The activities of armed gangsters in the state is no doubt causing panic among residents of Port Harcourt. The gunmen clashed with military personnel and, at end of the melee, no fewer than 100 dead bodies were discovered. The military were said to have moved more of its officers to the state for security back up.

ANAMBRA

ROBBERY: Dare devil armed robbers again went on rampage when they attacked a bullion van along Enugu-Agidi Junction area of the state. *The Guardian* learnt that large sum of money, running into millions of naira, was stolen by the robbers.

DELTA

TIME UP: The time is up for no fewer than 54 prisoners who may be hanged any moment from now as government finalises preparation to execute court judgement on them. The state governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan was recently commended for his efforts in assisting the police to reduce crime in the state.