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Suspected robbers kill three in Lagos

By Alex Olise

THREE persons were said to have been killed as suspected armed robbers raided a petrol station in the Ajegunle area of Lagos yesterday.

Those killed included the manager of the station and two female attendants.

The Guardian learnt that the suspected robbers had traced a tanker loaded with a petroleum product to the station at Ligali, near Ojo Road.

They collected money and killed the three workers of the petrol station before police at Layeni Division arrived at the scene.

A source said that the suspected robbers, numbering about eight, were fully armed with the latest AK49 rifle, which is stronger than the AK47 assault rifle.

The robbers, after their operation, were said to have escaped through a canal near the petrol station.

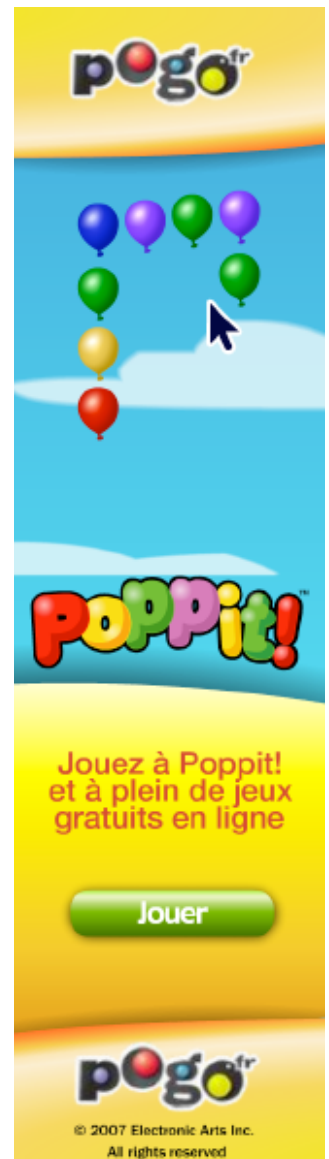
The raid came barely 24 hours after another band of robbers who were operating on a motorbike attacked residents of Oko-Oba in Agege, leaving five innocent persons dead.

The killing followed a gun duel between the robbers and anti-robbery policemen who were on ground to crush the bandits.

In the past two weeks, no fewer than 10 victims were killed in separate robberies across the Lagos metropolis.

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