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Robbers raid church, kill police officer in Lagos

By Alex Olise

SUSPECTED armed robbers at the weekend attacked one of the fast-growing churches in Lagos and shot dead one of the police officers detailed to ensure security at the vast church situated at Ajao Estate area of Lagos.

The robbers, numbering 20, had invaded the church on Sunday night apparently to steal money collected during the church service.

They met stiff resistance, which resulted in the sporadic shooting that caused pandemonium in the vicinity.

One of the robbers and a mobile policeman lost their lives.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo, had deployed more police officers to Ajao Estate following the weekend robbery.

The Guardian sighted many anti-robbery policemen that responded to the robbery attack. Sources told The Guardian that the robbers made away with millions of naira kept inside the church.

The raid came barely a month after armed men raided a Catholic church in the Mafoluku area of Oshodi, Lagos, and made away with millions of naira. The development made the police authorities of each state to give pastors attention by providing policemen in their churches. Police detectives in Lagos told The Guardian that they were on the trail of the gang that raided the Pentecostal church in Ajao Estate.

They said the command was set to bring the criminals to book.

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