

Robbers kill rector's orderly

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THE police orderly attached to the Rector, The Polytechnic, Ibadan Oyo State, was yesterday shot dead in a shootout with armed robbers on the Iseyin-Ago road.

But it was a narrow escape for the Rector, Prof. Moshood Nasir, as he was shot in the arm by the bandits in the encounter.

The Guardian learnt that the top management staff of the school, including its Governing Council members, ran into the armed robbers while on a project inspection visit to the institution's satellite campus at Saki.

According to sources, the hoodlums had been operating on the road since the early hours of the day.

The dead police orderly was simply identified as Hassan.

When two of the robbers jumped at the vehicle conveying the institution's officials, the police orderly bravely fired at them.

However, other members of the gang hiding in the bush opened fire on him, killing the orderly on the spot.

The hoodlums, said to be a combination of Fulani herdsmen and Yoruba men, then ordered other occupants of the vehicle to lie down on the road. They proceeded to shoot the rector on the arm and beat up others.