



Robbers Attack The Guardian's Circulation Van, Kill Driver

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YET again, armed robbers had struck on the notorious Sagamu-Ijebu Ode-Ore Expressway, unarguably one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the country. In the early hours of Thursday, January 11, a gang of armed robbers that had laid in wait of unsuspecting motorists attacked vehicles heading towards the east, among which was a circulation van conveying the day's edition of The Guardian to Onitsha. The van had reached J4, a section of the road notorious as a haunt for armed robbers when it came under fire by the hoodlums who shot dead Momodu Kabiru Musah, a 37-year-old assistant driver who hailed from Agbede, near Auch, Edo State According to Sani Giwa, who was driving when the robbers struck: "We left The Guardian premises after 11.00 p.m. for Onitsha. On getting to Ijebu-Ode, we got information that armed robbers were operating somewhere ahead and we made a detour through the interior to avoid them, which we successfully did. "However, we were driving past J4, still in Ogun State, after we had left Ijebu-Ode when suddenly, we saw that that vehicles in front of us were stopping and quickly reversing. It was obvious armed robbers were operating. "Immediately, I too followed suit. "I was reversing when there came two gunshots and then, I turned to my right and saw that Musah had been hit and was dead. "My companion, hale and hearty, who a few seconds before, we had prayed that we should escape the armed robbers, was dead. "It was terrible. I took on Musah on November 9, 2011, and it was my intention to teach him the ropes so that he could one day do the runs himself. "He was humble and was committed to the job, having begun to show so much promise before he died." Giwa said the late Musah's body was taken to Ikorodu where it was laid to rest according to Muslim rites. The late Momodu Musah is yet another, in an almost endless list of victims of armed robbers along the Sagamu-Ijebu-Ode-Ore-Benin Expressway. Pleas have been repeatedly made that the police especially, and other security agents provide better protection to motorists along the route so as to save them from attacks that have so frequently led to loss of lives.

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