

Police Arrest Eight Robbers, Kill Eight

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Police on Wednesday arrested eight people suspected to have killed four policemen during a bank robbery at Abule-Egba, Lagos, about two months.

The suspects included a police informant who confessed to have attended the funeral ceremony of one of the slain policemen. They were paraded at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Pantti, Yaba in Lagos.

Also paraded were 12 other members of a robbery gang that struck two weeks ago at the popular Alaba International Market along the Lagos/

Badagry Expressway. About seven people lost their lives in that incident.

Commissioner of Police, Mr Emmanuel Adebayo, while briefing newsmen, disclosed that in the last two months detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) have arrested a total of 69 notorious armed robbers in connection with high class robberies in the state. They also recovered sophisticated assault rifles and 26 assorted vehicles.

A total of 184 robbery suspects, according to him, were also arrested in the area commands and divisions in the months under review. Seven

assault rifles, four brownie pistols, two revolver pistols and 22 locally made and double barrel guns were recovered. He described the year as quite challenging for the command, following the death of some of his men. These men, he said, were killed while demonstrating their loyal commitment to serving the people with utmost integrity.

Police also killed eight criminals who specialised in robbing motorists in traffic jam along Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, around Tin-Can Island Port, on Monday.

Sources said the robbers were mostly youths in their 20s. Some of them were armed with dan-

gerous weapons, including guns and knives.

They were said to have met their Waterloo when they robbed a security agent. The man later returned to the area with a team of policemen to raid them.

On getting to the area, the policemen were said to have shot sporadically at the criminals, killing some while others escaped with gunshot wounds.

Those who escaped were said to have dived into the nearby canal linking Tolu School Complex/Apapa Government Reserved Area and swam to safety.

"The policemen fired more than 100 gunshots and about eight people were killed," sources said.

Refuse Truck Crushes Woman To Death

A truck belonging to Ikeja Local Government on Tuesday allegedly killed an elderly woman while she was trying to cross the busy Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

According to eyewitnesses account, the accident occurred at Mangoro roundabout when the truck in its bid to beat the usual heavy traffic in the evening crush the unsuspecting woman while trying to cross over to the other side of the road.

"The woman in her sixties, had already checked the traffic on her left to ensure that the road was free, but unknowingly the truck which crushed her was approaching at a high speed from the other side.

"But the driver of the truck did not show any sympathy, instead, he was bragging with the crowd as if nothing has happened," the eyewitnesses said.

The driver's attitude allegedly infuriated the agitated mob who descended on him, only set the truck ablaze.

A police officer that tried to rescue the driver was also manhandled, but he was able to escape with the driver, with both sustaining injuries from the severe beatings they got from the irate mob.

"I have to rescue him because as a government driver, he has to explain why he should behave so

DPR Tasks Staff On Safety

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Staff of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) have been asked to imbibe a new security and safety culture as a prerequisite for overall productivity.

Director of the department, Mr. Tony Chukwueke, gave the challenge at its first Safety

