



Four Killed In Ikeja Robbery Incident

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At least four people were on Monday afternoon killed when a group of armed robbers stormed Simbiat Abiola Road (Medical Road), Ikeja.

The development caused pandemonium as traders and passers-by ran for their dear lives.

A witness has it that the robbers traced their prey to the area at about 2p.m. and started shooting sporadically at the end of which four people were killed, while scores of others sustained injuries.

It was reported that the robbers cornered their victim close to Adepele gate, by the Ikeja Computer Village, forced him to

stop and drove away with him and the driver.

"They are mobile robbers. They pursued a car to the place and in their bid to stop it, they started shooting and killed four people in the process. You can see blood on the ground. It was really very pathetic because we know the people.

"They succeeded because they forced the driver to stop, pushed him to one side and drove away with the car," a witness said.

Corroborating the version, another witness said he was still in a shock even as he said that those killed sell computer accessories in the area and were close neighbours.

"I am still in shock about what happened, because I was inside when the incident occurred. Four people were confirmed dead. I couldn't just summon the strength to see the bodies," said a witness who gave his name as Jude.

When *Daily Independent* visited the scene, there was pool of blood close to the Adepele gate, allegedly from the victims

The gate was also under lock and key, while most shops around the vicinity were closed as the ever busy Medical Road was calm and devoid of the usual bubbling it has been known for over the years.

In the same vein, there was palpable fear among vendors in the area as they were seen in groups discussing the incident.

The bodies of the victims were said to have been deposited at the morgue of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH).

When contacted, Lagos police spokesman, Olabode Ojajuni confirmed the incident.

"Some gunmen were shooting in the air and two of our men on duty confronted them and in the process our men sustained injuries. But, they quickly contacted our patrol team who pursued them to Abule-Egba.

"Though, the gunmen are yet to be apprehended, we are still on their trail and we have directed that our men must get them before coming back," he said.

Ojajuni also denied that people were killed during the shooting.

Lagos Bound Train Coaches Derail At Ijoko

Three coaches of a Lagos-bound mass transit train derailed at Ijoko Ogun state on Monday causing hardship to commuters.

The train partially derailed at the take-off station, forcing the driver to operate with only six coaches after the three had been detached.

The development led to overcrowding.

"I don't care if the train is crowded or not, I already have my ticket and I cannot afford to pay N300 for a bus ride to Oshodi. I will force myself inside it," a passenger said.

As a result, the train could not pick passengers at Opoo-Suuru, Itoki and Agbado, a situation that left many commuters stranded and seeking alternative means.

"I cannot kill myself because I want to pay N60 for a train ride," said a female passenger who abandoned the train to board a bus.

Some passengers opted for the roof of the train.

A Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) official, who pleaded anonymity, said the corporation had to operate with only six coaches so as not to disappoint the passengers.



•Two young men on 'okada' with jerry cans in search of fuel

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