

# AIG Shot Dead In Lagos

•IG Orders Full-scale Investigation •Five Arrested

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Former Director of Police Medical Services, Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) Happy Ejiro Akpowhowo (rtd), was killed by gunmen on Sunday at Crown Estate, Ajah, Lagos.

It was learnt that Akpowhowo was driving into the estate where he also has a clinic after visiting a friend, when he was attacked.

Sources said on getting to the gate manned by unarmed private security guards, Akpowhowo noticed a rowdy scene with some young men wielding guns.

Mistaking them for policemen in muffs, he allegedly

tried to caution the men. But when he introduced himself, he was shot at close range.

It was also learnt that the gunmen dragged him down from his Jeep while still bleeding and dumped him by the roadside.

Several theories were being adduced for his murder. Some people said it might be assassination. They noted that the gunmen neither took away the Jeep nor cash as unspecified amount of money was found on him.

Others expressed the conviction that he ran into a robbery scene, because several people, including a young lady, were said to have been robbed in the area. The lady's car was said to have been snatched but

abandoned later.

Meanwhile, the Inspector-General of Police, Mike Okiro, has ordered full-scale investigation into Akpowhowo's murder.

The AIG in charge of Zone II, Israel Ajao, the AIG in charge of Police Medical Services, Falomo, Lagos, U. O. Usun, and other senior police officers visited the scene on Monday morning in line with Okiro's directive.

So far, about five people including the security men on duty, have been arrested.

Usun confirmed that he and Ajao paid a condolence visit to Akpowhowo's family. He described the late Akpowhowo as "a very gentle man. He was my good friend, his death is so

sad".

In a related development, policemen killed two armed robbers who were operating at a Mobil Filling Station at Olokonta Village in Ajah on Sunday.

The robbers had earlier snatched an Audi A6 saloon car with registration No HQ 284 AAA at gunpoint.

But they ran out of luck when people who witnessed the robbery tipped off the police and the DPO at the Ajah police station personally led a team that caught up with them at the Mobil Station.

The robbers engaged the policemen in a gun battle and two of them were killed. The Audi car as well as a locally made pistol were recovered from them.