

Robbers Storm Church, Shoot Security Man

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Last Sunday, armed robbers in Ajah once again stepped up their attacks on places of worship in Lagos as they invaded a branch one of the young generation Pentecostal churches located in Ajah, Lagos outskirts.

A competent police source told *Daily Independent* that the robbers attacked the church at about 10.00 am while members were worshipping. It was gathered that the robbers had infiltrated the gathering at the beginning of service without the knowledge of the members and security officials.

The source said as soon as members finished making their offerings and the proceeds taken to the pastor office for counting, some of the robbers, who had already gone toward the back of the pulpit pretending to seek a place to ease themselves, opened fire. "Suddenly, we heard a gunshot from the direction of the Pastor's office and as the security personnel and ushers wanted to rush to the place, three of the robbers had surrounded the entire entrance of the church and asked everybody to stay put," one of the victims told the police in Ajah.

It was learnt that the criminals after taking possession of the offering bags, now descended on the members, dispossessing them of their valuables, including GSM handsets, cash and trinkets, gold ear-rings and wedding rings before they shot one of the security personnel in their bid to escape from the scene. The security man, it was learnt, was immediately rushed to the hospital for medical attention. At the time of this report, sources said his condition was stable.

"That kind of thing has already stopped in Lagos, but since late last year and the recent one, it is like they are resuming, and that is why we are saying that churches in Lagos should also take the issue of security seriously too, because a situation where robbers just attack persons in churches at random is not good enough. We on our part we are stepping up patrol especially at churches," a member said.

School Proprietor Stresses Need For Computer Education

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The Proprietor of Al-Hikmah Schools, Ibrahim AbdulKareem, has stressed the need for computer education for both students and elderly people.

AbdulKareem spoke at the commissioning of the school computer centre at Agege at the weekend.

He noted that the world is becoming a global village, therefore, there is need to keep abreast of modern trends and face the challenges of the millennium.

"We have been teaching them computer education before now, but this centre was opened to improve on their computer skills and create an avenue for them to be conversant with the practical of the theoretical aspect they were taught earlier," he said, adding that

the computer centre would be open to parents and guardians who wish to be trained in computer studies. He charged other school proprietors who are yet to include computer education in their curricula to do so "because education is interesting when you tame children at a tender age".