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## Five Killed, Six Injured In Lagos Bank Robbery

By Victor Ebimomi and Femi Ogbonnikan, Lagos

A fire incident took the life of a woman in the Lagos metropolis at the weekend, two others died in a clash on Monday, and armed robbers killed five people and wounded six in a bank raid in the Orile-Iganmu area.

The bandits, who dressed in Army camouflage and brandished sophisticated weapons, stormed the bank on three motor cycles and in a Toyota car.

Eyewitnesses recounted that they shot into the air to scare away passersby before making their way into the banking hall.

Some commercial motorcyclists began to hurl missiles at the robbers, who fired gun shots in retaliation, killing five people, and wounding another six.

A young man was hit in the thigh while scampering for safety. He was rushed to a private hospital by good Samaritans but he was rejected on the ground that he did not produce a police report.

Another victim was also rejected at another hospital for the same reason.

Police Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, could not be reached for comment.

The clash of members of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) and a vigilante group that led to the death of two people took place on Odunsi Street, Bariga.

The slain men, members of the OPC, were returning home at about 3.30 a.m. when they fell into the hand of the vigilantes.

Police Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, confirmed the murder but said it occurred when a gang of armed robbers invaded a street in Bariga about 3.30 a.m. on Saturday.

According to him, two members of the vigilante group, Bode and Alfa, were attacked.

He said three members of the armed robbery gang were arrested by the police, alongside 12 other accomplices, led by Ganiu Idowu (alias Omo Ijo) and Abiodun Faloye.

The fire incident occurred in Block 203 in the Mile 2 Low Cost Housing Estate about 6 a.m, which eyewitnesses suspected was caused by fault in the cable of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN).

The deceased woman had come on a visit to see her daughter who was living on the floor with her husband after being discharged from hospital on Sunday.

An eyewitness, Lekan Adekongbe, said the disaster would have got worse but for the intervention of fire fighters and neighbours.

Former Amuwo-Odofin Council Chairman, Rasheed Otolorin, and some current council officials visited the scene to commiserate with the occupants of the building.

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