

Federal Patrol Cop Kills Woman In Lagos

•Two Robbers Shot

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Pandemonium broke out at Ajegunle Bus Stop, near the former Toll-Plaza along the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway on Wednesday, when a trigger-happy policeman shot and killed a woman.

The incident, according to eyewitnesses, caused heavy traffic build-up on both sides of the busy road.

"I think it was around 7.00 a.m. and the bus was coming from either Abeokuta or Sango. I saw the police tried to stop the driver but he refused and one of the policemen tried to shoot the back tyre, but mistakenly, the bullet hit one woman that used to stay here (pointing at a spot) to sell pure water," the witness narrated.

The witness, Monday Oswagwu, a vulcanizer, stated further that the policeman that gunned down the woman was a member of the Federal Highway Patrol team.

"There was no other police patrol team around at the time apart from them. So it their handiwork."

A Police source had also informed *Daily Independent* that men of the Highway Patrol only stayed at the Toll-plaza to harass motorists and not to perform police duties.

State Police spokesman, Frank Mbah, would, however, not want to comment on the incident, claiming he was yet to get details.

In a related incident, two suspected armed robbers were on Tuesday shot dead by the police, during a gun duel.

The incident occurred along Marine Road, Apapa, at about 5:30 a.m.

It was gathered that following a distress call, anti-robbery operatives from Apapa Divisional Police Station raced to No. 33A, Marine Road, where the robbers were attempting to rob the occupants, and engaged the bandits in a fierce gun battle.

At the end of the encounter, it was gathered that two members of the gang were shot dead, while others escaped with bullet wounds.