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Auto Dealer Robber y Suspect Killed By Police In Ile Ife

By Gbenga Faturoti, Correspondent, Osogbo

An Ibadan-based motor dealer, identified as Ademola Taofeek and believed to be the leader of a robbery syndicate that has been terrorising the banking sector in Oyo State in recent times, was among those gunned down during an Ile-Ife bank operation on Monday by the police.

Osun State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Joshua Olayemi, disclosed this on Tuesday in Osogbo while parading three bank robbery suspects.

They were arrested on Monday during Ile-Ife robbery operation.

Ten persons reportedly died while 40 others sustained bullet wounds during the operation.

The syndicate, according to the police spokesman, was the same gang that robbed banks in recent times in Ibadan and other parts of Oyo State.

Large number of AK 47 rifles, two vehicles, including a jeep and an 18-seater commercial bus, 13 magazine guns, four sharp cutlasses, 129 ATM cards, 13 expended AK 47 ammunitions, one sharper iron rod and a cash of N173,110 were recovered from the robbers.

Substances suspected to be cocaine were also recovered from the 20-member gang that struck at Ile-Ife.

One of the arrested robbers, Julius Adewuyi, confirmed to newsmen that the syndicate was the one behind the Ibadan robbery carried out about two weeks ago.

He added that after the Ibadan operation, the gang had successfully carried out three other operations in succession.

The other suspect, Babalola Babatunde, who claimed to be an Economics teacher with the Osun State Government, denied having knowledge of the claim of Julius Adewuyi.

Babatunde claimed that he is a serving teacher with Ayudun Grammar School, Labata, in Ife-South Local Government area of the state.

He denied that he was a member of the gang that robbed the bank.

He said he was arrested by the police at Ile-Ife during a visit to the town.

But Adewuyi insisted that Babatunde was one of the leaders of the gang that usually come to him for operation adding that he (Adewuyi) was engaged as a driver to the gang.

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Editorial/ Letters



Need For Credible Opposition

The continued failure of Nigerian democracy to benefit from quality opposition required to strengthen its systems and practice has remained a grave concern to well-meaning Nigerians who are bothered that until such an unfortunate situation is

Op-Ed/ Comments

Why Is Man So Wicked?

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every

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imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on earth, and it grieved him at his heart. - The Bible (Genesis 6:5)

The State of Aviation Industry(2)

In the whole of Africa, Nigeria has the largest air transport market, especially on the international routes. For several years, British Airways, Lufthansa, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Alitalia, Air France, South African Airways and a host of others dominated the international routes with little or no reciprocity from Nigeria registered carriers.

Unscrupulous Characters Incompatible

The Scruples column in Daily Independent on Wednesday is a must. I would read it as it always touches the core of national predicament and toss it aside sighing and filled with disgust that a nation so fully blessed with material and human resources can be

Columnist

Conversation of an Angry man Feeding Mr President Right Next Year

Last week the press got my vitamins in an uproar by reporting that Aso Rock intends to spend a "whopping N4.2 billion on its food, uniforms and maintenance next year."

Candour's Niche Yes, Yar'Adua Won; So What?

Am I happy that, at long last, the judiciary has brought a final closure to the 2007 presidential election? Perhaps! But not quite.

Scruples Let The Immunity Clause Go!

Last week's call by President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua on the National Assembly to expunge the iniquitous Immunity Clause from the Nigerian Constitution, most surely, ranked, in my opinion, as the most significant thing the man had uttered since he assumed office in May 2007.

The Roundtable Jos Riots: The Igbo Connection

Penultimate Friday, the city of Jos erupted in an orgy of arson, looting and bloodletting. Expectedly, there have been all types of suggestions on how to prevent a future re-occurrence. While some have called for a Judicial Commission of Inquiry to thoroughly investigate

Speaking Out The Whistle Louder, The Blower Less Visible

On December 4, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) organized a one-day dialogue session on the need for a Whistle Blowers Protection Law in Nigeria. The purpose of the session which brought participants from government anti-corruption agencies, the

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