

Robbers Attack Lagos Bound Bus, Kill Three

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About five armed robbers on Saturday attacked a Lagos-bound luxury bus belonging to a popular Lagos-based transport company (name withheld), killing three persons after dispossessing the passengers of various valuables, including cash.

An eyewitness, Police Sergeant Ukparaku Emmanuel, told *Daily Independent* that the vehicle was returning from Abuja to Lagos, when it was attacked at Mowe, Ogun State, around 5.00 a.m.

He also stated that the robbers, who had been trailing the bus from Ibadan, overtook it at Mowe to carry out the operation.

The policeman, who said he is attached to the Lagos State financed anti-crime outfit, Rapid Response Squad (RSS), but was returning from seeing his sick child in Lafia, Nasarawa State, added that his bus was behind the one robbed. "We stopped to drop off passengers at Ibadan, which is where we wasted some time. But when we got to Mowe, we met the passengers still lying face down on the ground, even after the robbers had fled the scene."

The source added that he spoke with the driver of the bus, after identifying himself as a policeman. He stressed that it was the driver who disclosed that robbers attacked the vehicle and that the bandits took off with three of the passengers as hostage.