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Xmas Eve Raid: Police Kill Two Robbers

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Osun State Governor, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola, after his installation as new *Obong* in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State...recently.

Photo: Tommy Adegbite

Few hours to the last Christmas celebrations, two suspected armed robbers met their Waterloo along Ijebu-Ode Ibadan road as they fell to the superior fire-power of the men of Oyo State Command of the Nigeria Police.

One of the suspected robbers felled by the police bullets was said to be a member of a notorious armed gang, which has been terrorising residents of Olorunsogo Close in the state capital.

The Olorunsogo victim, according to Police sources, was a member of a gang of five hoodlums that had invaded No. 3 Olorunsogo Close, when policemen on patrol were mobilized to the scene and after gun shoot out one of them was killed.

Ahead of those people travelling for both Christmas/New Year festivities, it was disclosed that the armed robbers had early on Thursday morning [Xmas eve] stormed the road and blocked it with logs of woods to disposes travellers of their belongings.

Speaking on the incident, the command's Spokesperson, Olabisi Okuwobi, said a distress call to the Divisional Headquarters of the Nigeria Police in Idi-Ayunre, the Headquarters of Oluyole Local Government Area of the state proved fatal for the men of the underworld.

In response to the distress call, the police descended heavily on the robbers for about two hours and during which the casualty was recorded while other robbers took to their heels with varied degrees of gunshot wounds when it became obvious that the police were having the upper hand.

The PPRO said when the anti-crime patrol team visited the scene later, arms and ammunition were recovered including camouflage gun to scare robbery victims, calling on the members of public not to hesitate to report anybody suspected with gunshot wounds to the police for the purpose of arresting other members of the gang.

Okuwobi warned men of the underworld and other criminals in the state to steer clear of the state in their own interest just as she urged the people of the state to be assured of their security.

According to her, enough security measures had been put in place by the Commissioner of Police (CP) in the state, Baba Adisa Bolanta, to ensure hitch free yuletide celebrations.



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