

Policeman killed, five others injured in Lagos robbery

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IT was sorrow, tears and blood as a police sergeant was killed and five others injured when armed robbers stormed FMCL Limited on Fatai Atere Way, Matori, Lagos yesterday.

The robbery took place barely a week after robbers killed two policemen and a bank manager at Fagba, Iju, outskirts of Lagos.

Yesterday's robbery which took place about mid-day paralysed business activities. Traders, commuters and motorists fled from the rampaging robbers.

The police also stormed the scene in large numbers. They brought an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC).

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Several people sustained injuries from gunshot wounds in their bid to flee from the robbers.

According to an eye witness' account, the robbers blocked the Ladipo axis of the road and fired into unsuspecting commuters and commercial motorcyclists.

It was gathered that the robbers who came in three vehicles seized the security men on duty before gaining entry into the company premises.

The Nation learnt that the robbers asked for the accountant and general manager whom they asked to produce the money in their care.

However, it could not be ascertained whether they succeeded in taking any money from the company.

They shot sporadically into the air on coming out of the company.

It was learnt that the robbers had earlier stormed a bank on Agege Motor Way, Mushin, before hitting the company at Matori.

They were reportedly engaged by battle-ready policemen.

The robbers, who apparently were determined to carry out their mission, now made for the Matori company.

At FMCL, they abandoned one of their vehicles.

The Nation gathered that the body of the slain policeman has been deposited at the General Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos.

Shortly after the robbers left, officers of the Rapid Response teams from the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti Yaba, Mushin and Olosan stormed the scene. The policemen were led by an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP).

Confirming the incident, the state police spokesperson, Mr Olabode Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police, said the police were on the robbers' trail.

He urged people to furnish the police with information that would lead to the arrest of the criminals.

Several people were unhappy that the policemen did not arrive in time.