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Five killed in Ibadan

From Bisi Oladele, Ibadan

Five persons, including two policemen, were killed at the weekend during encounters between robbers and the police in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Ralph Ibezor told reporters that a patrol team engaged the robbers in a gun duel at Oluyole, killing two members of the gang. A police corporal also died in the encounter.

The police also engaged the gang in an early morning shoot-out at Bodija, after the five-man gang had robbed two hotels and some residential houses.

One of the gang members and a police sergeant died in the second incident.

Ibezor said the gang had been terrorising Ibadan in the last two months, snatching posh cars, money and other valuables from their victims.

He said they had robbed areas including Bodija, Jericho, Iyaganku GRA, Ikolaba, Agodi GRA, and Akobo.

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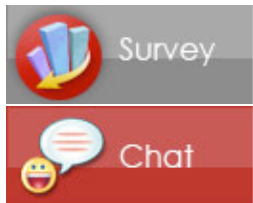
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