

Police arrest two *Okada* riders for 'killing' corporal

THE Police have arrested two commercial motorcyclists (names withheld) for allegedly killing a Police Corporal, Emmanuel Emefiele, and snatching his rifle.

Lagos State Police Command's spokeswoman Patricia Amadin, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), who confirmed the arrest to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday, said the rifle had been recovered.

Amadin said the incident occurred last Friday at 1st Avenue Junction, 4th Avenue, FESTAC Town.

She explained that the police always patrolled the area but that on the fateful day, they were attacked by about 30 commercial motorcyclists.

Amadin said it was in the course of the attack that the corporal was killed.

She said: "At that point, the police patrol team sent a distress call to the FESTAC

Police Division around 1am. that a patrol team on 4th Avenue had been attacked by about 30 motorcyclists.

"The motorcyclists allegedly stabbed Emefiele on the chest and he died on the spot. They snatched the corporal's rifle and went away with it. The division then reinforced, chased the motorcyclists and arrested two of the gang leaders. The snatched rifle and blood-stained knife used in stabbing the policeman to death

were recovered in the home of one of the suspects."

She said the remains of the officer had been deposited in a mortuary.

Amadin said the police also arrested a member of a robbery gang terrorising residents of Orile-Iganmu and recovered from him a locally-made gun.

She said the suspect was arrested on Sunday by the Orile Police Division.

According to Amadin, the gang was about to carry out

an operation at Odunade, Orile, when the police intercepted them.

She said the police team, which was on a routine patrol, saw the three-man gang in a suspicious manner and stopped them.

Two of them, she said, escaped, while one was arrested with one locally-made gun and six live cartridges.

Amadin said they were on the trail of the fleeing members.

Police arrest 31 suspected cultists

THE police have arrested 31 suspected members of Awawa Confraternity, who have been terrorising the Agege community in Lagos.

The Rapid Response Squad (RRS) swooped on the suspects at different locations, including Dopemu road, Bakare Ipiasha Street, Agege, Ile-Zik and Mangoro on Abeokuta Expressway, following a tip off.

"Upon intelligent reports, our men

combed the areas and 31 suspects were apprehended, including four under-aged while others are still at large," RRS Commander Olatunji Disu, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), said.

Disu said the under-aged have been released.

He warned parents and guardians to be watchful of their wards and children's behaviour while at tender age.