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Police kill three armed robbers, nab 779 suspects

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•CP Fatai Owoseni

Three suspected armed robbers were killed during gun duels, and 779 suspects arrested across Lagos in the last three weeks.

This disclosure was made by the state Police Commissioner, Fatai Owoseni on Wednesday during an interaction with journalists at the command's headquarters in Ikeja.

He also stated that the police recovered 27 guns, 64 rounds of various ammunitions and 33 different brands of vehicles within the period.

Among those arrested were 23 suspected armed robbers, two 'cultists' and 754 persons apprehended during raids of criminal hideouts in the state.

The police boss stated that 260 persons were released unconditionally from the 754 raided after they were found to have legitimate source of livelihood.



"494 of them were charged to court and we secured conviction on 298. The courts discharged 151 persons and 45 are still awaiting trial. In an effort to enforce the state Traffic Law 255 motorcycles were impounded for plying restricted routes," he said.

Owoseni who said the most prevalent crimes in the state since March 18 were cult and gangster related clashes, as well as stealing by domestic employees from their masters, noted that the command has been able to recover about 95 percent of cars stolen from the owners by their drivers.

"Among the suspects arrested within this period were a group which specialises in dispossessing commercial motorcyclists of their bike. Their modus operandi is that they pretend to be passengers wanting to patronise motorcyclists.

"Then, after they are carried, they use a certain spray on the rider which makes him unconscious after which they dispossess of his bike.

"When they are done, they meet one Justin, who generates fake receipt and fake plate number for them and they start operating the motorcycles.

"Five of them, including Justin were arrested and three of the snatched motorcycles were identified by their owners. Police discovered 50 other motorcycles in Justin's house, as well as fake number plates and receipts.

"Also, 13 suspected 'one-chance' operators who are still being interrogated were arrested at different

areas in the state. We apprehended about five of them who operate at Shoprite Ikeja, arrested some in Surulere and recovered two buses. Two other persons were arrested who received the stolen items from the one-chance operators.


“Six suspected cultists were arrested in Lagos Island and they have been charged to court. There was serious confrontation between Salu Court boys and Okesuna boys on March 23, leading to their arrest. But on Tuesday, three more suspects General, Ejah and Taribu were arrested and are currently in police custody, helping detectives to get others.

“Five suspected armed robbers who attacked a hotel in Ajangbadi and dispossessed lodgers of their valuables were arrested on April 12. We also got some of the boys who ambush bank customers and trail them with their power bikes to rob them of their money,” said Owoseni.

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