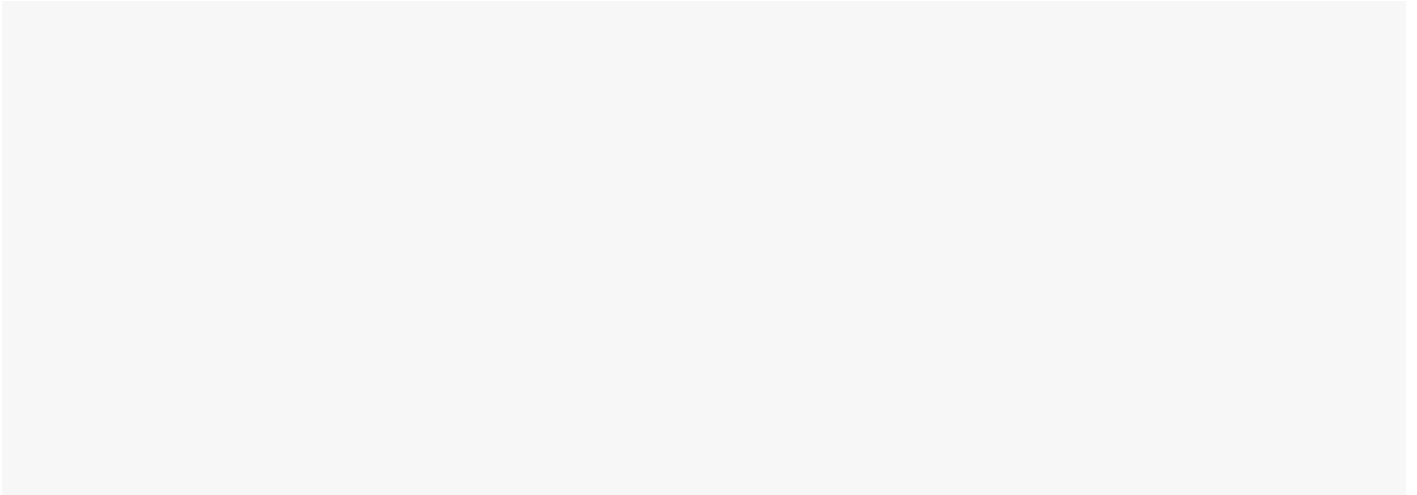


Two feared killed as robbers attack bullion van in Lagos

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Two persons, including a motorcyclist, were feared killed after gunmen attacked a bullion van in Lagos on Thursday.

The incident occurred along Addo Road, by Blenco Supermarket in Ajah, Eti-Osa East Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

It was gathered that the gunmen who rode in milk Sienna vehicle, opened fire on the bullion van around 3pm.

Video footages of the incident showed the van riddled with bullets with its tires completely deflated.

The corpse of a man identified as a motorcyclist whose bike laid nearby was seen while the other person's blood was alleged to have stained the ground.

Witnesses, who recorded videos as the robbery was ongoing, said the gunmen shot the carriage open and carted away the cash inside.

It was gathered the armed robbers started firing the van from a distance but the driver refused to stop until he got to Blenco Supermarket with his tires ruined.

While some claimed the gunmen fled through the lagoon after taking the cash, others said alleged they entered a nearby structure.

A source, who claimed to have witnessed the incident, wrote: “I witnessed a broad daylight robbery 10 minutes ago. A black bullion van was attacked. All the tyres of the van were shot at but the driver did not stop.

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“Gunmen in Siena and carrying AK47 were shooting sporadically in front of Blenco between Ajah-Ado Road. Commuters using route should be cautious and alert.”

Lamenting incessant robberies in the area, a resident said: “Shall we pretend we’re surprised at the recent spike in armed robberies in Lagos?

“At least four robberies on the Lekki-Ajah axis in the past one week alone. “Today’s event happened around 3pm in broad daylight at BLENCO on Addo Road, Ajah. Some “people” have abandoned their duty post.

Another resident, Nse Ikpe, lamented Addo road had become a war zone with sounds of gunshot heard every night.

The Nation reports the Area N Command and Ajah Police Division were among those attacked and armoury looted by hoodlums during the violence that followed the #ENDSARS protests in the state.

Although Addo Road and Badore areas of Ajah have been notorious for cult- related violence in the last two years, residents said there has been a spike in armed violence since the attacks on the police stations.

At the time of this report, it was not certain the bank whose money was being transported and the destination.

It was also unclear the number of the robbers and whether they had a waiting boat in the lagoon with which they fled.

Commissioner of Police Hakeem Odumosu told The Nation the information from the incident was still sketchy.

He said: “I am yet to get detailed information from the Area Commander but so far, we have not received any report on death.”

