

ROBBERS ATTACK LUXURY BUS, KILL 8

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DARE devil armed robbers on Wednesday morning stormed a Lagos-bound luxury bus coming from the Northern part of the country and killed eight persons in the bus.

Our correspondent gathered that the robbers chased the bus from a long distance before catching up with it on the bridge linking Ojota with Maryland along Ikorodu road, at about 4.am.

The robbers were said to have used a bus they snatched for the operation.

According to police sources, after storming the bus, the robbers shot dead the two police escorts, five passengers and the driver of the bus, who was set

ablaze along with the bus after the robbery operation.

The identities of the victims could not be ascertained at press time.

Other passengers, who escaped were, however, robbed of their valuables.

When our reporter visited the scene of the incident, the luxury bus and another small bus were still smoldering after they were completely burnt, the robbers reportedly escaped after the operation.

Similarly, robbers on Wednesday morning attacked a branch of a new generation bank at Okota area of Isolo. The robbers left behind three

magazines and one rifle after the operation.

C/River rice farmers gets ₦50m loan

FARMERS selected from the three Senatorial Districts of Cross River on Tuesday in Calabar received a total of 50 million Naira under the special rice and cassava loan scheme.

The loan is part of the programme by the state to ensure that farmers access funds to enable them to "transform their agriculture from subsistence to commercial."

The state Deputy Governor, Elder Walter Eneji, who presented

Robbers have been on the rampage in Lagos in the last few days and scores of victims have been killed, while millions of Naira have been snatched at gun-point.

lated to paying back the loan so that others can benefit," he said.

He said the flag off of the loan disbursement to farmers under the Cross River State Trust Fund for Agricultural Development was to strengthen farmers capital base.

"We adopted the Central Bank of Nigeria Trust Fund Model to ultimately boost farmers income and accelerate development at the grassroots.

"It is to free our farmers from the consequences arising from