Police kill 2 robbery suspects in lagos

THE police in Lagos, at the weekend, shot dead two suspected members of a gang believed to have specialised in robbing motorists during traffic jams at the Apapa/Ijora bridge.

Police Spokesman in the state Olubode Ojajuni told the News Agency of Nigeria in Lagos on Sunday that the incident happened during a shoot out between the gang members and a police patrol team

Ojajuni said that four other suspects were earlier arrested at the Liverpool area of Apapa, while robbing motorists, adding that they had been taken to the state CID, Panti, Yaba.

The police spokesman advised motorists to be security conscious while in traffic jams, and to report suspicious movements to the police.

A source at the Apapa Divisional Police Command had told NAN that the killed suspects allegedly specialised in dispossessing motorists of their valuables on the Apapa-Ijora bridge.

"They always cash in on traffic jams on the Apapa-Ijora bridge as well as the Liverpool area, to attack innocent people. NAN reports that some residents and workers at Apapa had made several complaints of incessant attacks by hoodlums on the bridge.

A PROMINENT Lagos businessman, Alhaji Grema Mohammed has said those who are taking sides in the disagreement between President Olusegun Obasanjo and Vice President Atiku Abubakar are in for a "rude shock".

NTDC prepares clean environ

THE Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) says a bill on clean environment is to be prepared by the corporation to make the nation tourism friendly.

NTDC Director General Olusegun Runsewe said in Abuja at the weekend that the legislation would make it compulsory for state governments to upgrade and beautify their environment.

He said the proposal would ensure that governors invest in their environment to attract tourists. Runsewe said no country could be successful in tourism without upgrading the environment, adding that the document would be presented to the president for consideration at the council of states meeting.

He cited the examples of Governor Donald Duke of Cross River and Nasir elRufai of the FCT, as administrators who have paid special attention to their environment.

He noted that Cross River and the FCT were currently the best tourists destinations in the country.

"This cannot be done only by persuasion, but also by legislation. The governors must be made to make a change in their environment. That is what practical tourism is all about.

"Today in Calabar, Donald Duxe has employed 1,000 people to sweep the city, but take it or leave it Calabar is one of the neatest cities in the world," he said.

Runsewe noted that immediately he assumed office some mobile toilets and dust bins were acquired to ensure that the city of Abuja is kept clean.

He said the NTDC had also