

# POLICE KILL 5 ROBBERS IN LAGOS

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**NO fewer than five dare devil armed robbers were killed by the police in Lagos during gun duel at different parts of the state in the last one month, just as 36 suspects including a Ghanaian woman have been apprehended.**

Also, 15 different types of both sophisticated arms and 102 ammunition were recovered from the underworld men by the police within the month under review.

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos state, Mr. Bashiru Azeez who revealed this at the State Police Command, Ikeja while parading the suspects, attributed the success in apprehending the suspects to the cooperation of some members of the public who informed the

police of the activities of the bandits in their respective areas.

Giving the breakdown of the arrest, Azeez said a cop killer's robber who is presently on court bail granted this year on the robbery offence he committed in 2006 was among the suspects apprehended by his men at Apapa area of he state.

According to him, on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, through tip-off, a group of armed robbery gang that has been terrorizing Apapa and its environs were arrested by combined team of Area 'B' and Apapa Anti-Robbery Squads. The suspects are Solomon Essien, Hammed Halidu,

Gbenga Akinsiroju (Cop Killer), Sadiq Adekanbi Amawe Ebifa and Wisdom Sogo".

"The hoodlums early last month attacked STARDOMS Communication Company situated at Apapa, on the same day the group attacked another big supermarket at Randle road, Apapa. The syndicate was responsible for the attack on Savannah Hotel Apapa in 2006 and painfully this gang killed a police corporal in September 2006 during exchange of fire at a robbery scene at Marine road Apapa", he revealed.

The Commissioner of Police also revealed that on April 25, 2007 a team of anti robbery policemen from Iponri police station while on patrol along Eko bridge encountered a gang of armed robbers robbing people of their belongings and on sighting the police, the bandits opened fire.

"The Police in retaliation gunned down two of the robbers while four others includ-

ing Pius Nkodo, Friday Akpan, Uche Ochoma and Cosmos Eze were arrested, while one locally made double barren pistol, three live cartridges, one hammer and a bag were recovered from the suspects", he said.

The Compol added that other suspects were arrested during operation at different parts of the state while some of the bandits were shot dead during a shoot-out with his men.

Speaking with our correspondent, the female Ghanaian who identified herself as Hassana Moses claimed to have picked a locally made loaded pistol in a dust bin at Alaba-Rago area of popular Alaba-Okoko and took it to somebody nearer to the place, but the person raised alarm and a Naval man was invited who later took her to police station.

According to her, she has never seen a gun before but thought it to be ordinary metal that can be sold out to mechanics or iron benders and make money, "I did not know it could be something that takes a person to detention".

## es Omehia's objections

counsel for the applicant Chief Fagbemi SAN had told the court that the issues on the substantive matter are still alive. They are pre-election issues meant for regular courts not the Tribunal.

He recalled that Ameachi was

that the genuine governorship candidate for the election was his client.

On his part Mr. Omehia's counsel Mr. Daudu SAN had told the court the applicant had no locus standi as he has been expelled from the party. He said