

# Operation Burst operatives kill 3 suspected armed robbers, arrest 2 in Oyo

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OPERATIVES of the Oyo State Joint Patrol Team, **Operation Burst**, early Sunday morn-

ing, busted a six-man armed robbery gang that had been terrorising residents of Adegbayi area of the state for the past three weeks, killing three and arresting two, while one escaped with gunshot wounds.

Special Adviser to the state governor on Security, Mr Segun Abolarinwa, disclosed this, on Sunday, explaining that the **Operation Burst** team responded to a distress call from residents of the area while the armed

robbers were operating at a hotel in the area.

The Special Adviser said "early this morning, the office of the **Operation Burst** got distressed calls from the residents of Adeg-

bayi area, Ibadan. The **Operation Burst** men swung into action immediately and engaged the robbers in a shootout while they were operating at Emirate Hotel, Adegbayi.

"The exchange of gun fire led to instant death of one of the robbers, while two others died in the hospital and one escaped with gunshot wounds. Two are in the custody of **Operation Burst**.

"We are optimistic that the **Operation Burst** team and other security agencies will not relax on their oars to make Oyo State safe for all and sundry," the Special Adviser added.

In a related development, the Oyo State Security Trust Fund (OYSSTF) has called on the people of Oyo State

to report suspected criminal activities in the state promptly to the security operatives.

This call was made by the Executive Secretary of OYSSTF, Mr Femi Oyedipe, while informing journalists of plans to refurbish and repair security operatives' patrol vehicles, Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs), as well as complete the installation of Close-Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) in some crisis-prone areas in the state.

Oyedipe said it was important for residents to be security conscious, while informing security operatives, particularly the police, of suspected criminal activities in order to curb crime in the state.

## 29-yr-old man arrested for allegedly defiling 13-yr-old girl in Ogun

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THE police in Ogun State have arrested a 29-year-old man, Soji Ogunrinola a.k.a Bulldozer, for allegedly defiling a 13-year-old girl in Orile-Ilugun area in Odeda Local Government Area of the state.

The arrest of the suspect followed a complaint by one Monsuru Badmus of Ogiri Ojule village in Odeda, who is the stepfather of the vic-

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PPRO stated.

While speaking with the **Nigerian Tribune**, the suspect, Ogunrinola, who claimed to be a widower with three children, said the girl in question agreed to everything that happened between them.

He also denied that the girl was a virgin, adding that it was her period that came after they both had sex.

However, while speaking, the victim a 13-year-old JSS 3 student, said she only fol-

lowed him to pick some things also said she didn't hear. After dragging me into the room, he pulled my clothes, removed his own and pushed me to the bed. I was a virgin, but he deflowered me.

"After the act, I saw blood, and I began crying, but he warned me that if I told anybody, he would kill me. He then asked if he should give me some

drugs, but I rejected. So he said I should go and clean myself up."

The PPRO said that the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu had ordered the transfer of the case to the anti-human trafficking and child labour unit of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department (SCIID) for proper investigation and prosecution of the suspect.