

# 1 killed, 36 arrested as robbers go on the rampage in Ogun, Lagos

## We have not received any report of robbery —Ogun police

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ONE factory worker who was part of a vigilante group set up by the Ajegunle community in the Plaza area of Sango Ota in Ogun State has been killed by a yet to be identified naval officer.

Also, 30 suspected armed robbers were arrested by the police during different responses to distress calls from communi-

ties at borders between Lagos and Ogun states. Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed these developments to *Sunday Tribune* at the weekend, adding that the police had begun investigations into the incidents.

There have been reports of daylight robberies in Ijako, Ijoko, Sango, Singer, Anisere and Ewupe communities along Sango. The police in the state, however, insisted that there

had not been a single reported case of armed robbery in Sango Police Division and that the people were "panicking unnecessarily." *Sunday Tribune* gathered that unidentified youths in Ajegunle area formed a group to secure the area from armed robbers' invasion.

A resident of the area who simply identified himself as Jamiu told *Sunday Tribune* that "the boys mobilised themselves and they made

bonfire on the roads. They armed themselves with different kinds of weapons, including iron rods, plank and others, moving about the streets in their community."

Jamiu also said "some of them moved to the expressway and coincidentally, it was a time a patrol van was passing by and the security men opened fire on them."

He also said "a factory worker in the area was hit in the head and he died on the spot, while others ran in dif-

ferent directions."

A resident of Alli Isiba community in the area, Mr Ibrahim, also told *Sunday Tribune* that he narrowly escaped attack from a gang of about 15 armed robbers early Friday. He said he was returning from the hospital where he had gone to drop a pregnant woman when the robbers swooped on him.

But Oyeyemi confirmed the death of the resident and added that he was killed by

some naval personnel who were on patrol in the area.

The Ogun police image maker blamed the widespread report of robbery activities on moves by communities which formed vigilante groups to protect themselves.

"People are just being unnecessarily panicky. Go around; there is not a single robbery case reported in Sango Division. People are just dishing out unverified information," he said.