

Lagos records 12 foiled bank robberies in six months - CP

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THE Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Mr. Emmanuel Adebayo, on Wednesday, said the command had recorded 12 foiled bank robberies since he resumed office last December.

He regretted that the command lost some of his men in some of the encounters with the robbers. He, however, did not disclose the number of policemen who were killed in such circumstances.

Adebayo spoke when he was taking delivery of patrol vans and motorcycles donated to the Area 'G' police command by the Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government and the Iris Medical Foundation, Ogba, Lagos.

The local government donated two pick-up vans and four motorcycles while the foundation presented two Volkswagen Passat cars.

Adebayo said the police needed modern equipment to confront robbers who were most of the times equipped with sophisticated weapons.

The police boss said the responsibility of providing necessary equipment and a conducive atmosphere for the police that cater for a complex society like Lagos

According to a statement

could not be left to the government alone.

He said the command, encouraged by the numerous supports being received from corporate organisations and individuals, would ensure that crime rate in the state was reduced to the barest minimum.

Police kill three in Port Harcourt

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THE Rivers State Police Command said on Wednesday that it had killed three members of the gang that killed five naval officers and seized five Korean oil workers in the state early this month.

The five Koreans, who were working for Daewoo Nigeria Limited, were released to the state government a day after their kidnapping.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Samuel Adetuyi, in a statement made available to our correspondent, said the gangs were responsible for the recent series of attacks on banks and oil companies in the state.

Adetuyi, who gave the names of the dead rob-

bers as Lateef Animashaun, Abiye Nangibo a.k.a commander and Ngowari Briggs a.k.a baabo, said the hoodlums had confessed to taking part in the series of robberies and murders in the state since the beginning of the year.

Prominent among the attacks carried out by the gang were the attack on the Nigerian Agip Oil Company on January 24 in which eight policemen were killed; and three times attack on two banks in Port Harcourt on April 19 and May 20 in which two policemen and four civilians were slain.

The hoodlums also killed four marine policemen and seized their boats along the Bonny Waterways on May 13.