

Bandits kill three policemen, two others in Delta

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FIVE persons, including three policemen, were killed by bandits at two locations in Delta State on Sunday.

The tragic incidents took place in Asaba, the state's capital and Owa-Oyibu in

Ika North-East Local Government area of the state.

Our correspondent learnt that the bandits besieged Owa-Oyibu Police Station, where they disarmed the two policemen before killing them.

It was further gathered that other policemen in the

station bowed to the superior fire power of the bandits and fled as their colleagues laid in a pool of blood.

Unconfirmed report indicated that the bandits carted away arms and ammunition from the station.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident in Asaba occurred when the marauders stormed an eatery located on Nnebisi Road.

It was learnt that the policeman was killed because of his effrontery in attempting to foil the nefarious operation.

Two other persons, whose identities could not be ascertained as at press time were also feared killed in the incident.

Thereafter, the bandits reportedly carted away valuable property and money from the fast food company.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State Command, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi, confirmed the killing of the three policemen to our correspondent on Monday.

Okuwobi said the command had initiated efforts to apprehend the hoodlums.

She said, "The incident is quite unfortunate, but the suspects will soon be apprehended."

Police arrest two for ritual killing

Tunde Odesola, Osogbo

TWO persons (names withheld) have been arrested by the police for allegedly killing two men and dismembering one of them in Oke-Ode area of Ode-Omu, Osun State.

Our correspondent gathered on Monday, in Osogbo, that the victims were killed on March 25, 2007 by some men employed to guard the area.

The Osun State Police Command paraded the suspects and the dismembered body parts, which included a head, limbs and rib cage, at the police headquarters in Osogbo on Monday.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. David Omojola, told our correspondent that two of the arrested guards had confessed committing the crime.

He said the police were still trailing five other suspects connected with the crime.

According to Omojola, the suspects were arrested, following a tip-off by the

motorcyclist, who took the victims to Ode-Omu.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Joshua Olayemi, said in an interview with our correspondent that the two victims were shot dead by the suspects.

Olayemi said, "The suspects claimed that the victims were armed robbers terrorising the area. But they shouldn't have taken the law into their hands. One of the victims was shot and his corpse was dismembered.

"The carcass of the corpse was deposited on Oke-Ode road. The police appreciate all genuine efforts by members of the public to check crime but that is not to say that jungle justice should be meted out to suspects.

"We are investigating the matter. It appears, at the moment, as though the motorcyclist is not culpable but we are not leaving anything to chance. We have only two suspects in our net."