

Robbers on the rampage, kill two policemen in Lagos, Ogun

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THE number of men in the Lagos State Police Command was, again, depleted by one on Tuesday after a gang of armed robbers engaged some policemen in a shoot-out.

Also in Ogun State, a constable was killed while five other persons were injured when a gang of armed robbers went on the rampage in Abeokuta.

The Lagos incident happened at about noon at Agbowa, a town which is about 20 minutes' drive from Ikorodu in Lagos State.

Our correspondent learnt that about 12 armed men besieged the First Bank branch in the town in three vehicles.

There was pandemonium in the neighbourhood as the robbers allegedly announced their presence with a number of gunshots fired into the void.

They reportedly gained entry into the banking hall without much ado and ordered all the staff and customers to cooperate with them.

Just as the robbers were unleashing terror on the people they met at the bank, all the police divisions in the area were receiving information about the robbery.

It was learnt that the divisional police officer in charge of Epe division sent two corporals to support other security men at the bank.

However, the situation became tense when the robbers, who had raided unspecified amount of money from the bank, were on their way out.

The police corporal was killed during a shoot-out that ensued between the robbers and the police.

Spokesman for the command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni,

who confirmed the robbery to our correspondent on Tuesday, said the policemen also shot one of the robbers.

Findings showed that the Abeokuta hoodlums, whose operations lasted for three hours, raided the state's internal revenue service in Abeokuta and motorists on the Lagos-Benin Expressway.

Two of the injured persons, Oni Ohiwere and Haruna Dunga, were policemen. A man, Ojetunde Festus, whose Hummer Jeep was snatched, was also shot by the hoodlums.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, confirmed the incident, saying four vehicles were recovered from the hoodlums.

Suspected as Ribadu

TWO groups of armed men and a woman suspected to be hired assassins, on Monday, visited the Abuja home of Dapo Olorunyomi, the Chief of Staff to the Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu.

The first group of suspected hired killers called at Olorunyomi's home at about 8.30pm and made an attempt to force their way in.

Neighbours, who related accounts of the suspicious events to security agents probing the visit, said the four heavily-armed men and a woman, came at a time there was a general power outage in the area and waited for about 20 minutes before speeding off.

However, those who heard part of the suspects' conversation told investigators that the killers were specifically on a mission to get Olorunyomi, or go for members of his family if the main