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## Robbers, hoodlums kill reverend father, two others in Lagos

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No fewer than three persons, including a reverend father, were killed by suspected robbers and hoodlums in three separate incidents in Lagos on Wednesday.

The clergyman identified as Rev. Fr. Patrick Adegbite, was reportedly shot by some gunmen at about 9.45pm at a spot close to a pharmaceutical store at Agungi Shopping Complex, Lekki.

It is not clear yet whether it was a case of assassination or robbery as the men allegedly made away with the victims car after shooting him.

Efforts by sympathizers, who were attracted to the scene by the sound of the gunshot, to save Adegbite's life were not successful as the victim died on his way to the hospital.

His corpse has since been deposited at the mortuary of Ikoyi Military Hospital while the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba is investigating the case.

In the second incident, one Toyin Sadiku and four yet-to-be identified persons allegedly stabbed Tunde Amao of 4, Wole Boyle Street, Ajangbadi and Muideen Monsuru following a disagreement between the two groups.

The incident occurred at Amao's residence.

While Amao died on the spot following the injuries he sustained in the fracas, Monsuru was admitted at a nearby hospital where he is said to be responding to treatment.

A few hours earlier, another set of suspected hoodlums reportedly struck at 3, Faith and Farmer Street, Awoyaya Town, in Ibeju-Lekki and inflicted injuries on Gbenga Oyejola and his wife. The cause of the incident is still unknown.

While the wife was said to be responding to treatment at the Ikoyi Military Hospital, Gbenga died on the way to the hospital and his remains had been deposited at the Lagos Island General Hospital.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police, confirmed the incidents to our correspondent on Thursday.

In the case involving the clergyman, Ojajuni said that men of the command were already on the trail of the perpetrators of the act.

As regards the other two cases, the police spokesman warned that the command would not fold its hands while lawless people hold the state to ransom.

He said all those found culpable in the incidents would be prosecuted and punished to serve as deterrent to others who might still be contemplating acts that could breach the peace being experienced in the state.

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