

Police kill bandits on Sagamu-Benin Expressway

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THREE armed robbers operating on the Obalende, Ijebu Ode end of the Sagamu-Benin Expressway have been killed by the Special Anti Robbery Squad of the Ogun State Police Command.

The bandits were said to be robbing motorists and commuters on the ever-busy road around 3.30a.m on Saturday when the policemen on their routine patrol of the highway arrived the scene.

The bandits reportedly engaged the policemen in gun duel in their desperate bid to escape from the advancing SARS.

Three of the fleeing robbers were killed in the cross fire, while other members of the gang escaped into the nearby bush with gunshot wounds.

Police sources, who spoke to our correspondent in Ijebu Ode, said the robbers were suspected to be the same group that had terrorised residents of Ilangba Housing Estate, Ijebu Ode around 10.30p.m and 11.00p.m.

Our source said the hoodlums had fired several

gunshots to scare the residents of the estate, but failed to gain entrance into a particular house they had targeted to raid.

Residents of Ijebu Ode on Saturday morning trooped to the mortuary of the State Hospital in the town, where the corpses of the three slain robbers were deposited, to take a glance at the bodies of the dead robbers.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Olumuyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone on Saturday.

Adejobi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, said some arrests had also been made among the gang members who had been on the run.

He said some of the items recovered from the robbers included two locally made pistols, assorted jewellery and mobile handsets and other sundry products.

Adejobi explained that the police would not relent in their effort at making the state crime free until such illegal acts were drastically reduced in the state.