

Robbers attack dairy firm, kill guard

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THE management and staff of a dairy firm in Lagos are mourning the brutal killing of the company's chief security officer.

The security man, who reportedly resisted the invasion of the premises of the company, Luna Milk, on Burma Road, Apapa, by a gang of armed robbers, was killed.

The incident, it was learnt, happened at about 3am on Thursday when the bandits allegedly scaled the

company's fence and gained entry into the compound.

It was gathered that the five-man gang had taken other security guards in the premises hostage when their boss intervened.

A source told our correspondent that a gun battle between the robbers and the security guards led to the shooting of the chief security guard.

The premises, it was learnt, became a battle field of sorts as the robbers still pressed on to gain entry into the company's offices.

While this was going on, an anonymous caller alerted the police to the situation.

Our correspondent learnt that security men from Apapa Police Station were later mobilised to the scene.

A fresh exchange of fire reportedly ensued as the policemen got to the scene.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Thursday.

Mba said during the cross-fire between

policemen and the robbers, two of the suspected criminals were killed while the three others escaped.

He said the police recovered two guns and 18 pieces of live ammunition from the scene.

He said the corpses of the guard and the suspects had been deposited at a public mortuary.

The PPRO added that the command had mandated the appropriate department at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba to investigate the incident.