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Police kill two robbers in Journalists Estate

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Two members of a five-man robbery gang fell to police bullets on Saturday after an attempt to attack the Journalists' Estate, Arepo, Ogun State, was foiled.

The robbers, who came to the estate on two motorcycles in the afternoon, met their Waterloo after residents alerted the Ibafo Police division.

According to eye-witness reports, the robbers initially met a stiff resistance in the hands of a vigilance group before the police intervened.

The state police public relations officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident and said, "It is true that two robbers were killed. We received a distress call from the Journalists' Estate in the afternoon about the presence of the robbers. We sent our men attached to the Ibafo division led by the divisional police officer, Gbenga Migbope, a superintendent of police, to the area. The policemen engaged the thieves and fortunately for us, two of them were killed. Others escaped with bullet wounds."

Adejobi said they were still on the trail of the fleeing robbers while the Commissioner of Police in the state. Mr. Musa Daura, had stationed a patrol team in the estate.

He said, "As I speak to you, we are still combing the area for the ones with bullet wounds. The commissioner of police has sent a patrol team to the estate because we value journalists. Apart from the dead robbers, no life was lost and they did not cart away property. Only one member of the vigilance group sustained slight injuries."

Meanwhile, no fewer than five persons and five trucks were burnt at Ibafo, on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Saturday morning as a result of the inferno ignited by two fuel tankers which collided on the busy highway.

The accident caused heavy traffic on the road until fire fighters from Lagos and Ogun States as well as men of the Federal Road Safety Commission arrived the scene.

Our correspondent learnt that five persons, who were all passengers in the burnt vehicles, were burnt beyond recognition.

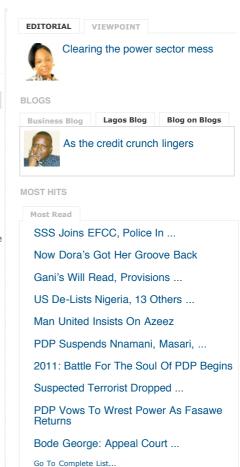
It was learnt that the five vehicles, comprising of two loaded fuel tankers, and three trailers, were on their way to Lagos when the accident happened around 6 am in Ibafo, Obafemi Owode Local Government of Ogun State.

The Sector Commander, FRSC, Mr. Dele Adigun, who confirmed the accident on Saturday, said apart from the five who died in the inferno, five other people were seriously wounded and were rushed to hospital.

Adigun sad, "The two tankers were on their way to Lagos when the accident happened around 6 am. One of the tankers tried to overtake the other when they ran into each other and the two went up in flames.

"The other three trailers ran into them and started a bigger inferno on the expressway.

"Five people were burnt into ashes in the fire; I believe they were passengers in the vehicles but the other five people who were injured, we had taken them to hospitals. We had to mobilise our units in Sagamu, Ojota, Ojodu, Mowe and Ogere to be able to restore order on the road because movement on the road became very difficult as there was no way to pass."





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