

# Robbers raid warehouse, kill two in Rivers

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**F**OUR armed robbers on Tuesday stormed a warehouse in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, and killd two persons.

The gang, which raided the warehouse known as Bonbeeco Peak Milk Depot at about 8.20am, also shot and injured the security guard on duty, Umaru Adamu.

Our correspondent gathered that the hoodlums, who were armed with AK 47 rifles, had shot the deceased identified as Marcel Obinna and Onyeka at close range.

The victims were said to be customers and had arrived at the warehouse as early as 7.30am.

Both Obinna and Onyeka died instantly while the security guard was rushed to the hospital after the hoodlums had left.

An eyewitness said the armed robbers stormed the depot, where milk and other food items were sold in large quantity and went straight to where the customers were standing and shot them before making away with their money.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Akin Fakorede, said the armed robbers made away with a cash sum of N120,000.

from the warehouse.

Fakorede, who was recently appointed the State PPRO, disclosed that the armed robbers escaped in an ash-coloured Mercedes Benz, which particulars were yet to be identified.

"At about 8.20 am today (Tuesday), a gang of four men armed with AK47 rifles attacked Bonbeeco Peak Milk Depot located at No. 6, Emenike Street, Mile One.

"The hoodlums shot one Obinna Marcel and Onyekachi who are all customers and one Umaru Adamu, a security man. The armed men made away with a cash sum of N120,000 from the warehouse," the state police spokesman noted.

Fakorede added that the bodies of the deceased had been deposited at the BMH mortuary while the injured security guard was currently receiving treatment at the hospital.

He explained that the police had begun investigation into the matter with a view to arresting the hoodlums and bringing them to book.

## Bomb scare in Jos, Bukuru

**Jude Owuamanam, Jos**

**T**HERE was panic on Wednesday in Jos, the Plateau State capital and also in Bukuru metropolis following rumours that bombs had been planted in the courts in the two towns. The rumour went with a warning that people should avoid the courts in the two cities.

The rumour came few days after the police arrested a man suspected to have sponsored last week's attack in the village of Rahinku in Bassa Local Government area where six persons lost their lives.

The suspect, Alhaji

Shashaka, was said to be a resident of Barakin Ladi and was undergoing interrogation at the State Criminal Investigation Department

As a result of the alarm, courts hurriedly closed as men of the State Anti-bomb squad led by their Commander, Abel Mbibi, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, combed the areas.

Military Special Task Force and armed mobile policemen were deployed in the streets to prevent a breakdown of law and order.

The Police Commissioner, Mr. Ikechukwu Aduba, was said to have gone to Abuja over the

Rahinku killings.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Mohammed Lerama, who confirmed the incident, described the alert as a hoax.

He added, however, that the police have been put on the alert, saying that the rumour started at about 1am Wednesday, but spread like fire as court workers resume duties.

"As of now there is no cause for alarm as we have drafted more men to the streets. Men of the bomb disposal unit have also gone round and as at now the rumour is a only a hoax." Lerama said.