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Robbers kill DPO, two other policemen in Lagos

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Armed robbers on Saturday killed the Divisional Police Officer of Alakuko Police Station, CSP Joseph Oluwatomokun, in Alakuko area of Lagos State.

In another incident, two policemen were also killed by armed robbers in Mushin area of the state on Friday.

In the Alakuko incident, PUNCH METRO gathered that the DPO was killed during exchange of gunfire between the robbers and a team of policemen.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Samuel Jinadu, who confirmed the killing of the DPO, said Oluwatomokun had led a team of policemen to confront the robbers, who had snatched some vehicles and were planning to escape through Alakuko area.

He said, "At 11:30pm, the police were on patrol when they received a radio message that some vehicles had been snatched by armed robbers and were about to come through the area. The DPO went with his men to stop them and then a gun battle between them ensued. The DPO was shot in the process and later died at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

"Two of the armed robbers were also injured by the police."

Jinadu said no other policeman was injured but the suspects escaped, adding that investigations were still ongoing

However, a police inspector, who did not want his name in print due to the sensitivity of the case, said that the police killed two of the armed robbers.

He said, "The armed robbers were many. They were driving the vehicles they had statched and were moving in a convoy. They were approaching Gateway Hotel through the old Lagos-Ogun tollbooth when the police accosted them.

"The gun battle, which ensued, led to the death of the DPO as well as the death of two of the armed robbers. However, the robbers were able to escape along with the bodies."

Our correspondent gathered that the two policemen killed in Mushin on Friday night by the armed robbers were a corporal and an inspector.

Jinadu, who also confirmed the incident, said a team of policemen were on patrol in Mushin when they suddenly ran into the armed robbers.

He added that no arrest has been made in connection with the incident.

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"A corporal and an inspector were killed by armed robbers at a pin down point on Friday night while on patrol with their team. They died instantly and no arrest has been made. Investigation is still ongoing and we will soon apprehend the culprits," he said.



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