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No fewer than seven highway robbers have been killed on the highways in Ogun State, the police said on Tuesday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi, said in a statement that the robbers were "gunned down" by policemen within one week.

According to Adejobi, the police also arrested within the same period 10 other suspects involved in various highway robbery cases along the Lagos-Ibadan and Lagos-Sagamu-Benin Expressway.

The PPRO added that the robbers were killed and others arrested while robbing road users.

He said, "The efforts of the Ogun State Police Command to rid the highways of robbers have yielded results as the command, within a week, has gunned down seven robbers who were caught in the act of robbing road users and engaged the police in gun duels. We arrested 10 suspects who have been linked with various robbery cases along the Lagos-Ibadan and Lagos-Ijebu Ode-Benin expressways."

He added that the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Okoye Ikemefuna, had divided the expressways in the state into smaller beats of four kilometres for easy patrolling and monitoring.

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Adejobi said, "The CP has ordered all DPOs whose areas of jurisdictions cover the expressway to relocate their offices to the highways and personally lead their patrol teams. With this trend of adequate patrol and monitoring, the command will definitely accord necessary and required security to all road users along the major highways in Ogun State."

He, however, advised highway users to discountenance rumours of incessant robbery on the highways in the state, urging them to always get across to the police whenever they noticed any "unusual blockage or traffic obstruction along the Ogun expressways".

Adejobi added, "The command wishes to disabuse the minds of road users in Ogun State of unconfirmed stories of incessant robbery attacks on its highways as widely circulated, as most of them are rumours while many drivers plying the roads take many road or traffic obstructions for robbery attacks."



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