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Gang leader declared hoodlums kill five

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The Lagos State Police Command has declared one Ibrahim, also known as Small Jaypron, wanted following clashes in the Bariga area of the state, which left five people dead between Friday and Sunday.

The police also alleged that Small Jaypron, along with members of his gang known as

Downtown Boys, were responsible for a robbery in Ilaje area of Bariga on Thursday.

During the robbery, PUNCH Metro learnt, three of the suspects were killed by the police.

It was learnt that the clashes were as a result of a feud between the Baale (village head) of Ilaje, Kavode Aiyetiwa, and the son of a former Baale, Segun Opere, also known as Shaggy.

It was gathered that due

to the feud, hoodlums loyal to both parties usually lay siege to the area and sometimes clashed over the control of selling of sand and canoe operations.

The feud between the two parties however reached a climax last week as hoodlums clashed for three days resulting in the death of five people.

It was learnt that on Friday, three people were killed, while two others were killed on Sunday.

At the time of filing this report, policemen were



•Azeez on hospital bed. Inset: Ibrahim

The Delta State Police Command has arrested three more persons in connection with the kidnap of Super Eagles Star, Christian Obodo. Those arrested are Efe Okoh, Okoh Omonkoye and Caroline Victor. It was learnt that the confessions of the three suspects who were earlier arrested led to the fresh arrests.

Obodo: Police arrest three more suspects

The Police Public Relations Officer, Charles Muka, said the three suspects were arrested in Ovwian Aladja area of the state.

He added that the police recovered one locally-made single-barrelled

Emmanuel Addeh, Warri

gun, three cartridges and other lethal weapons from the suspects.

The suspects, it was gathered, are being detained at the State Criminal

Investigation Department in Asaba. Obodo was kidnapped in Warri, Delta State, a few weeks ago and regained his freedom more than 24 hours after in the kidnappers' captivity.

The Udinese of Italy player

reportedly escaped from his abductors at Emevor in Isoko area of the state.

Meanwhile, one Mary Nenyiaba who was seized in her poultry farm along Benin/Asaba Expressway has been rescued by the police.

The victim, who was abducted on Friday, was rescued at Igbanke, Edo State.

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said to be on the ground to douse the tension.

In a related development, three suspected armed robbers were killed during a shootout between the police and a gang of armed robbers in Bariga on Thursday.

According to the police, that the slain robbers, identified simply as Austin, Idi and Tunde, are members of Downtown Boys and are responsible for series of crimes in Somolu.

Police reports indicated that the hoodlums, who were killed on Ilaje Street, were led by Small Jaypran.

A senior police officer at the Bariga Division, who craved anonymity, said Austin, one of the deceased, had previously been arrested.

He said, "Austin was arrested by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad and was charged to court but granted bail. On June 6, 2012, he and others at large stabbed one Abiodun Azeez in the eye during a robbery on Abeokuta Street, Bariga.

"We had been looking for him since then but on Thursday, he ran out of luck when he engaged us in a fierce gun battle. He died during the shootout but some of his gang members are still at large."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ngozi Braide, confirmed the incident to our correspondent, adding that Small Jaypran had

been declared wanted by the police.

She said, "On June 21, 2012, the police received a distress call that there was an ongoing robbery at Ilaje, beside the Third Mainland Bridge. A team of policemen from Ilaje Division were dispatched to the area and when the hoodlums sighted them, they immediately opened fire.

"The hoodlums were

Police kill armed robbery suspect in Osogbo

Meanwhile, an armed robbery suspect, Olumide Famakin, who sustained gunshot injury during crossfire with policemen, has died.

The Commissioner of Police, Osun State Command, Mrs. Kalafite Adeyemi, stated this in Osogbo on Friday, during the parade of some robbery suspects before journalists.

She said, "Three young men suspected to be armed robbers were looking for a buyer in Osogbo for a Toyota Camry with registration number Lagos PR 234 AAA.

"My men got wind of this information and they swung into action. Two of the suspects later rode a motorcycle, going from one place to the other, looking

killed in the process but Ibrahim, who is said to be their leader, escaped with bullet wounds. A locally-made pistol as well as many expended bullets was recovered from the scene. Efforts are being made to arrest Ibrahim."

The PPRO also confirmed that the clash was between Downtown boys and Shaggy boys. She however said she could only confirm two deaths.



The car, arms and ammunition and items recovered by the police

for buyer.

"On sighting the policemen, two of the suspects on a motorcycle, Lukman Adisa and Olumide Famakin, opened fire. During the ensuing gun duel, both suspects sustained bullet wounds and they were subsequently arrested."

Adeyemi said the driver of the car, Goke Emmanuel, was later arrested, adding that investigation showed

that the car was snatched at gunpoint.

The police commissioner said an Osogbo Magistrate's Court had sometime granted Emmanuel bail when he was arraigned for allegedly snatching another Toyota Camry in Ede.

She said Famakin later led detectives to Ijebu Ode where the "leader of the gang, Adesun Adejumo, was arrested with a stolen Nissan Primera car."

Woman inserts 66 wraps of narcotics in private parts

Oyetunji Abioye

A 48-year-old woman, Fatima Bala, has been arrested for allegedly inserting 66 wraps of substances that tested positive for methamphetamine in her private parts.

Bala, a graduate of Accountancy from Obafemi

Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State, was apprehended a week ago at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos, as she attempted to board a Kenyan Airways flight to Nairobi.

A statement by the Head, Public Affairs, NDLEA, Mr. Mitchell Ofoyeju, on Sunday said no suspect had ever inserted such a large quantity of drugs in private parts since the establishment of the agency in 1989.

The statement said, "The quantity of the drugs was so much that it affected her gait thus attracting attention of officials. Unfortunately for her, one of the wraps fell on the floor at the screening area as she bent down to pick up her belongings."

Preliminary investigation, according to the NDLEA, revealed that she lived in Australia for about two years before she was deported in 2010.

The statement quoted the NDLEA Commander, Lagos airport, Mr. Hamza Umar, as describing the case as shocking.

"This is incredible. She was desperate but I am happy that she was promptly detected. No suspect has ever inserted such a large quantity of drugs in the country. Usually, cases of insertion are not more than 300 grammes. It is amazing," Hamza stated.

She was quoted as saying,

"It was N45,000 school fees for my child and landlord who is threatening to evict me by July for not paying my rent that pushed me into drug business."

"I was instructed to swallow the drugs but I was scared because I have never seen drugs in my life. I used to sell water and drinks after my husband died in an auto accident in 2007. Few years after, I lost everything and could not feed. I studied accountancy but I have never practiced."

"I was given the drug in a hotel. I was afraid of death because I have heard of people dying because of drug ingestion, so I decided to insert the wraps in my body. It was difficult because I could not walk normally but I have to try my best to avoid suspicion."

The statement further quoted the Chief Executive Officer, Alhaji Ahmadu Giade, as saying that everything about the suspect was disturbing.

He said, "Apart from the quantity of drugs caught with her, her route is also a new development in drug trafficking. Drug barons now adopt a relay approach to drug trafficking."

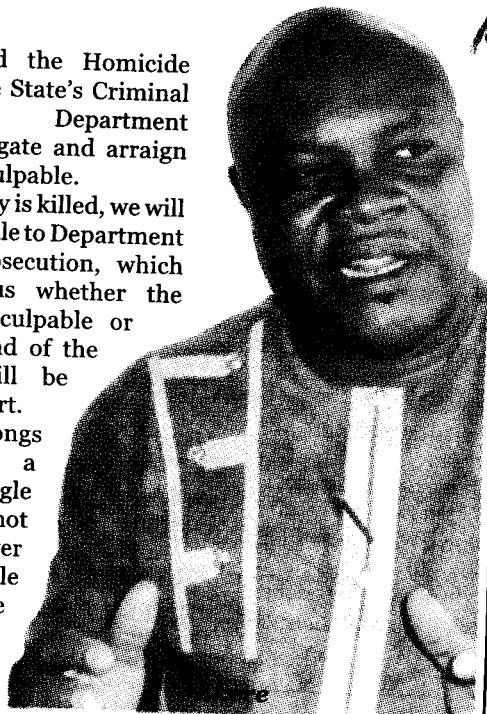
"They wanted to use her to take the drug to another African country before using an indigene of that country to take the drug to other continents where the profit is higher."

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Dickson, said the Homicide Section of the State's Criminal Investigation Department would investigate and arraign those found culpable.

"If somebody is killed, we will send the case file to Department of Public Prosecution, which will advise us whether the suspects are culpable or not. At the end of the day, they will be charged to court."

"Two wrongs cannot make a right. Jungle justice does not pay. Whoever kills is culpable and will be killed, that is what will happen."



Two killed, 10 injured in Ogun multiple accident

Eniola Akinkuotu

A woman and her daughter on Sunday in Sango Ota area of Ogun State were killed when an articulated vehicle conveying granite lost control and hit them while waiting at the bus stop.

The vehicle also crushed five passenger buses, six motorcycles and two tricycles popularly known as Keke NAPEP, resulting in injuries to 10 other people.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the green truck, with registration number LAGOS XY 03 EPE, was at Tollgate Bus Stop, driving towards Lagos when it suddenly developed a brake failure and had an accident.

Our correspondent gathered that immediately after the incident, the driver jumped out of the vehicle and fled.

The incident was said to have caused traffic snarls as motorists and pedestrians were stranded for hours on Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

Officials of the Traffic Compliance and Enforcement immediately rushed to the scene and evacuated the victims. The TRACE officials also diverted traffic so as to assuage the situation.

The corps' Zonal Commander, Ado-Odo Ota Zonal office,

Mr. Ajibade Adekunle, told our correspondent that the driver of the vehicle could have handled the problem better.

Adekunle said those injured had been transferred to various hospitals while the deceased had been taken to a mortuary.

He said, "Around 8am, the truck was around Tollgate Bus Stop, driving towards Lagos when it experienced a brake failure. Instead of the driver to swerve and hit the partition which could have slowed down his speed, he turned towards where the buses were loading passengers."

"In the process, a mother and daughter standing by were immediately killed, hit six buses with registration numbers, XR 608 ABC, XR 350 EPE, XN 858 MUS, KR 413 XA, XW 348 SMK, two Keke NAPEPs with registration numbers Y317 FST and QZ 290 FKJ and six motorcycles."

"Eight victims were taken to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital; two were taken to Hamadiyah Hospital, Ijaye while the corpses were taken to a mortuary."

Adekunle urged motorists to always check their vehicles before driving, adding that accidents had been on the increase in the area because motorists failed to observe traffic regulations.