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Two policemen killed in Rivers robbery

September 20, 2012 by Chukwudi Akasike, Port Harcourt

Suspected armed robbers on Wednesday killed two riot policemen in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

The incident, which occurred near the Mile One Market, Diobu at about 7.30am, created panic among residents.

The hoodlums numbering about four were said to have opened fire on the policemen, who were not aware that they (robbers) were within a close range.

It was learnt that the policemen died instantly before they could be rushed to hospital.

An eyewitness said the deceased were on a motorcycle when they were shot by the robbers.

While the deafening sound of the gunshots made passersby to scamper to safety, policemen from the Mile One Police Station responded.

However, the hoodlums had escaped.

An eyewitness said, “It happened within seconds and before you know it, robbers had disappeared into thin air.

“Some policemen later came with a patrol vehicle and took away the corpses of the two policemen. It was a bad situation.”

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Ben Ugwuegbulam, who confirmed the incident, said the policemen were on patrol when they were shot by the hoodlums.

Ugwuegbulam, who spoke to our correspondent on the telephone, said investigation had begun into the matter.

He said, “We have commenced investigation and we intend to arrest the suspects very soon. We are already trailing them and will apprehend them and bring them to justice.”

He added that the police would not be deterred from carrying out their duty of protecting lives and property of law-abiding citizens in the state.



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- *Portharcourt Mike* September 20, 2012 at 2:47 am

Very sad! Policemen should always be at alert.

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- *Opeyemi babayoruba* September 20, 2012 at 3:03 am

May soul rest in peace

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- *Samuel aka Pastor* September 20, 2012 at 4:22 am

May their gentle soul rest in peace. Is this country worth dieing for? What will be the state of their families now? Will they even be given a befiting burial? These and many more questions are yawning for anwers from the Nigeria Police Force in particular and Nigerian govt in general.

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- *Adasi Martins* September 20, 2012 at 5:11 am

I dnt knw wot diz people ar up 2, only 2 policemen on patrol using Motorcycle? Wot d hell is wrong with diz Nig police?

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- *Yusuff oladepo* September 20, 2012 at 6:27 am

May their soul rest in peace. But oga police PRO please let our policemen stop using motorcycle as a patrol van because it is not easy carrying rifle on motorcycle not to talk of firing it while on bike. please let us stop wasting precious life to men of underworld, police are always their number one target.

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• *Cappon* September 20, 2012 at 6:27 am

My patrol is patrol either on byke or on van

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• *seun* September 20, 2012 at 7:37 am

Dis is tragic, n wen wld Nigerians learn 2 av restraints in there criticism? Do u xpect al d police men to al patrol in 1 direction. And sum1 said they shld b alert al d time yes u r rite. Bt u only knw who u r watchin and not who is watchin u. At this point i bliv d IG stil av a lot to do and until we start mountim cctv cameras on evry strts n corners criminals wld alwaz av dere way wtout been apreheended. May there soul RIP

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○ *Larry Jay* September 20, 2012 at 11:07 am

My broda Seun this is not criticism. Of a truth, those police men are just on their own way to somewhere and not on patrol. Which of an inteligent police officer will ride on a bike and claim to be on patrol and even two men for that matter. What happen to their patrol vans, and mind you if they are more than 2 the incident would have been minimal. The 2 of them will be easily overpowered becos it is believe that it is the only one siting behind that will take action in case of any attack. The Rivers police PPRO was jus saying that to decieve us and for us to believe they died on the course thier job. MAY THEIR SOUL REST IN PEACE.

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● *Lizzie* September 20, 2012 at 7:52 am

May God grant dem eternal rest.

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[Union voice](#) September 20, 2012 at 7:58 am

Very unfortunate; may their souls rest in peace. THE POLICE SHOULD KNOW THAT THESE BAD GUYS ARE NOT AGAINST CIVILLIANS ALONE SO THEY (CRIMINALS) SHOULD NOT BE SPARED.

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• *Bas* September 20, 2012 at 8:06 am

Every policeman on patrol should be provided with bullet-proof vest. RIP.

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• *Bas* September 20, 2012 at 8:10 am

Every policeman on patrol should be provided with bullet-proof vest to reduce fatalities in the line of duty. RIP.

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- *dele Ajao* September 20, 2012 at 8:24 am

The killing of our policemen is a bad signal to effective security of lives and property,adequate safety must be made for police

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- *SURFLING_AND_SMILING* September 20, 2012 at 8:49 am

OBJ AND PDP DENIAL NIG SECURITY, SO THAT THEN WILL ROBBED WITH OUT IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSON.

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- *Don* September 20, 2012 at 8:52 am

RIP Oga police

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- *Ogun John* September 20, 2012 at 9:01 am

May their gentle soul rest in peace, but u can imagine how these gentle police men were attack and killed, well, can their family be taking care off? if not that is while some of the police men are afraid of performing their duty effectively because the government is not helping matters, taking care of them. let our government change toward our police, they are trying.

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- *Mathias Adie* September 20, 2012 at 10:03 am

It is difficult to fight invisible enemies, that is the position the police are in. May the Lord expose these killers.

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- *Adereremi Oyetola* September 20, 2012 at 10:41 am

may God have mercy upon them. As for the thieves, my prayer for them is that God will touch their heart so that they realise their evil deed and change for the better.

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• *stanley* September 20, 2012 at 11:09 am

I believe soon those hoodlums will meet their water low, and he who kills by gun shall die by gun.

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• *Larry Jay* September 20, 2012 at 11:15 am

It is unfortunate that those Police men died while serving their fatherland. It is however sad that the Govt should not do anything to avert recurrence and take up the deceased family responsibility. I am sure they will be declared fallen (Unknown Soldier) to the force. May God help us in this country and may their gentle souls rest in perfect peace...AMEN

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- *Alex. Iorvor* September 20, 2012 at 11:17 am

Oga police rest in peace.

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- *eat* September 20, 2012 at 11:19 am

It is a pity dat they were killed by these hoodloms. May God be with their families/love ones. Definitely the killers will meet their waterloo very,very soon except they repent & turn on a new leaf. God will grant their families fortitude to bear the loss.....

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- *Chibabe* September 20, 2012 at 12:24 pm

These days, the police are always casualties of armed robbery attack, if I may ask, why are they killing themselves?

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• *info* September 20, 2012 at 12:38 pm

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• *paul* September 20, 2012 at 1:38 pm

I don't know U guys are feeling for this so called police force they jail innocent soul and also take bribes from the rich to kill the poor, I feel no pity for this people

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bayo oya September 20, 2012 at 2:24 pm

Haba ! killing the police everytime everywhere and everyday.IG, take note!

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• *Go4speed* September 20, 2012 at 5:54 pm

What is our nation turnin into?.. From the look of things the only lastin solution to these problems is to arm everyone with guns.. So that all man can protect themselves.. All man go fear all man

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• *boniface sunday* September 20, 2012 at 6:06 pm

Paul i suspect u 2 be one among de armed robbers dat killed those police men wit de uttrances dat came fr u.u ar de first suspect police wil be hunting 4 u fr nw on.u,ve bite de finger dat fate u.

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- *Daniel Ogbu* September 20, 2012 at 7:01 pm

It's a pity!

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- *Francois* September 20, 2012 at 7:40 pm

my heart goes out for the family. peace to their souls.

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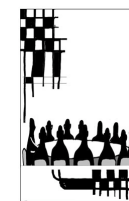
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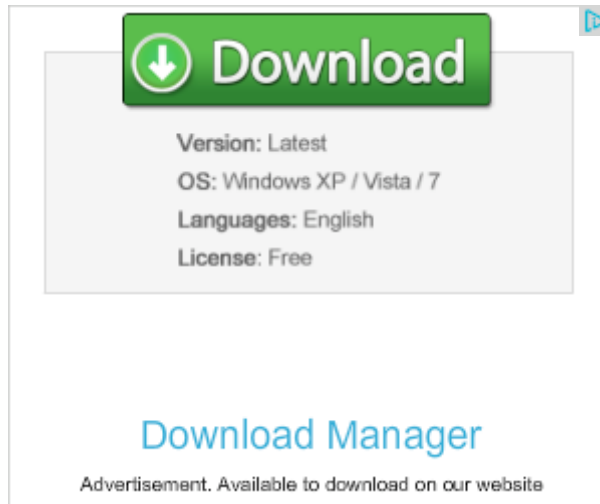
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