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# Robbers kill five policemen in Ogun

October 23, 2012 by Segun Olatunji and Ayomikun Abiola [43 Comments](#)



- The entrance of an eatery at the filling station. Inset: Part of the window shattered with bullets.  
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Five policemen have been killed by armed robbers in Abeokuta and Ibafo areas of Ogun State between Sunday and the early hour of Monday.

Specifically, three of the policemen were killed by the robbers in Oke Itoku area of Abeokuta in the early hours of Monday when they were ambushed by a 15-man gang of robbers while two were killed when another set of robbers stormed World Oil Filling Station in Ibafo, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway around 9pm on Sunday.

A source said the policemen killed in Abeokuta had received a distress call around 2am that robbers were operating in the area and five of them set out to confront the bandits resulting in a shoot-out.

The robbers, it was learnt, opened fire on the policemen killing three of them instantly and injured two others. The policemen were attached to the State Quick Response Squad of the Command.

The source told one of our correspondents that doctors at the Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta, are still battling to save the lives of the injured policemen.

On the Ibafo incident, an eyewitness said the robbers came into the filling station with three vehicles pretending to be customers.

“They came in around 9pm with three Pathfinder jeeps and parked on the premises. There were policemen around. Unfortunately one of the policemen was standing near one of their

vehicles, they just shot him dead immediately.”

The witness, who craved anonymity, also said one of the civilians who was killed was a hawker and was hit by stray bullets.

A policeman, who witnessed the incident, said, “We were around the vicinity when they came in three Jeeps and parked in different spots within the filling station. From my observation, the armed robbers were about 13.

“One of our colleagues was standing close to where they parked one of their vehicles when they shot him at close range, killing him on the spot.

“The other policeman was shot during a shoot-out with the robbers. They have both been taken to the mortuary.

“I cannot give you their particulars until an official contact has been made with their family but we are posted here from the Ogun State Police Command.”

The policeman also confirmed that two civilians were killed by stray bullets while some others were injured.

“We had to hide in order not to become victims as the rifles they carried were automatic,” he added.

The owner of the station was not available when one of our correspondents visited the scene. However, the workers declined to comment on the incident.

The Police Relations Officer, Mr. Muiyiwa Adejobi, who confirmed the killings, said a suspect had been arrested in connection with the Abeokuta incident.

Adejobi, an assistant superintendent of police, added that investigations were still ongoing.

“The command has arrested a suspect in connection with the incident. Investigation has been launched to unravel the circumstances surrounding the incident,” the PPRO said.

Meanwhile, Governor Ibikunle Amosun has commiserated with the families of the slain policemen, describing the development as sad.

The governor, who spoke during his visit to the hospital where the injured policemen are receiving treatments, promised to assist the families of the dead policemen and ensure that those injured were taken care of.

He assured the people of the state of adequate security of lives and property.

“We have notified all hospitals to report any treatment of gun-shot injuries. This is an isolated incident; there will be no comfort zone for robbers in this state,” Amosun said.

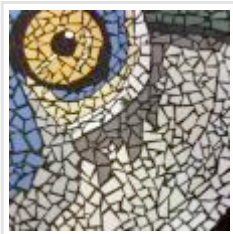
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- *Oyepade olusegun o* October 23, 2012 at 12:42 am

It is indeed frustrating and pathetic that we lost three policemen, and one civillian, may god be with families they left behind.

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- *Ojukwu* October 23, 2012 at 10:25 am

Those are Yoruba armed robbers

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- *Enzo bonati* October 23, 2012 at 11:13 am

Ojukwu, pls stop posting any comment with tribal undertone. Only intellectual comments are expected in this forum.

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- *Ojukwu* October 23, 2012 at 12:11 pm

Idiot, tell that to the Yorubas in other blogs!

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■ *padding* October 23, 2012 at 2:45 pm

Wait till they release the name/identity of the arrested suspect. Tribal jingoist

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■ *Aayo Ojo Gbemi* October 23, 2012 at 10:05 pm

Why Punch allows people like you to air their view in this medium I do not really know? Do you have conscience? Haba! Please repent before it is too late.

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○ *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:06 pm

U lost five not three and which god u want to be with them, Ogun or Sango?

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*Concerned* October 23, 2012 at 6:57 pm

Where is the 1trillion GEJ budgetted for Security this year?

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• *segun* October 23, 2012 at 12:58 am

ppl are tired of hearing d story of killing evryday,wat we r saying,gv us state police

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○ *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:09 pm

segun@ mumu....how state police going to help u? Is going to give police juju bullet proof? Odeson! The only thing ya gobs have contributed to security& policing is buying over inflated vehicles that are not bullet proof.

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○ *Okoko* October 23, 2012 at 2:03 pm

So if they were state police they will not be killed or there will no more be armed robbers

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• *Omo Olugbon* October 23, 2012 at 3:41 am

State police is d solution to dis problem, a case where it is d FG dat control police force in every locality in Nigeria will not augur well for a state dat claim to practice federal system of government. Dis is avoidale wastage of human lives, also d police must also be on guard cos xmass is coming& dis is usually d time dat those bad boys come out to rob& make money to show off in their villages when they go home for yuletide.

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○ *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:09 pm

Olugbon@ mumu, read what I said earlier

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*abubaka* October 23, 2012 at 4:01 am

becuse day dont no der work and der is no ekwickment to work.no conection telecominication 4polic.evin nigerian police suppose to have evine elecupter to do der work

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o *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:12 pm

Abubaka@ u bad ooh! I never see someone making grammartical errors in pdgin english. Anyway, our police needs serious training which is down to management and senior officers incompetence

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o *padded* October 23, 2012 at 2:58 pm

@ abubaka, you be serious “Maaluu”, am sure the key pad of your computer was constructed by the dumbest Almajiri in your town. Even in pidgin English, you are committing spelling suicide!!! Haba, u fo don go rent person weh go help you write your comment. Am laughing so hard man.

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- *nduka* October 23, 2012 at 5:56 am

Imagine 15 or 13 armed robbers with three pathfinder jeeps, Ooh my country i weep for you.

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- *Olumilo* October 23, 2012 at 6:56 am

adequate security must be provided for the people of Ogun State and Nigeria in general, the police must be protected with up- dated equipments to fight the crime, the state government must wake to its responsibility, provides employment to the youth and infrastructural facilities.

Also, the State police should be reviewed, the demand for state police is right now not later, the global world is changing for better.

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- *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:15 pm

They got updated equipment, training needed. What equipment can you give 3 policemen against 15 bandits to win? A proper training would have gave them a knowledge to retreat and trail the bandit than endgaging

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• *Emma* October 23, 2012 at 7:16 am

What a pity pls I advice the IG to give his boys more orientation of what a police force is ( the Nigerian police seem as if they are at market place rather than at work they are all after what they will make from the day rather d than knowing they are at work let them be more vigilant or this criminal, and proactive in there response not looking for every avenue to make chikin change. So help us God

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• *wale* October 23, 2012 at 7:31 am

@ abubaka or is it abubakar . LOL. Man you can't even spell your name correctly, talk lee of your comment, aboki pls go back to school , it's in your own interest, anyway they say IDEA IS NEED" lol

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*tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:16 pm

Wale@ pele'....prrofessor.....at least he got a point, deal with it not is grammar. Dem born u for Birmingham?

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*The Truth!* October 23, 2012 at 8:38 am

Sometimes i wonder how people just jump into issues of State Police whenever there is a reported crime case. Question is, are they going to come in robotic forms with machine guns immunities? Are they going to be equipped with some form of brain chip to know where robbers are and how to hunt them down? The answer is NO!. So whether it is state police, federal police or local govt police which ever you prefer, the robbers are way ahead of them in terms intelligence and equipment. Imagine the story said the armed robbers came in 3 jeeps!!!! with sophisticated weapons!!!!. Our police responded to the distress call with a tattered open pick up van, 5 of them, in the dark of the night most likely with no simple bullet proof vests carrying AK 47 rifles???? Can any one please tell me who will WIN?.

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○ *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:18 pm

The truth@ this is your best comment to date. Thank you for your indept, excellent comment and hope some few people here with brain can get it! You are dead on....

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● *oyewale* October 23, 2012 at 9:35 am

The Truth, No answer to your question. CRIME PAYS MORETHAN SECURITY especially in a society like ours.

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● *Adelikcomputerize* October 23, 2012 at 9:55 am

It is time for Ogun State Vigilance Group, Please I urge Senator Ibikunle Amosun to assist Ogun state Vigilance Group because they are the one who rescued the wife of Osun State Speaker from the kidnappers, the vigilance killed 2 out of them and arrested

3, without killing any of the Ogun state vigilance group. I HAIL VIGILANTE GROUP OF NIGERIA!!!! SAY NO TO CRIME..... OGUN STATE O NI BAJE.....

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*tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:20 pm

Adelike@ another mumuric ACN supporter. WHat's ya vigilante gonna do with 15 bandits with good weapond? Odeson!

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*IROKO* October 23, 2012 at 10:21 am

This Lagos-Ibadan need more attention because of the different High way that is linking the road it's makes it easier for criminal to run away when they are after them.

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*Akinmulesanmi* October 23, 2012 at 10:29 am



I wonder what is happening in this country, and I strongly believe that our opulent people are the one behind all the atrocities committed in this country 1. where would an ordinary man get the money to purchase that luxury car, 2. where is the poor man's confidence to handle a sophisticated gun if he has no the support of the BABA ISALE 3. no poor man has that opportunity of importing such items. It is this opulent men that were behind every evil committed and deeds in this country. May God save our souls.

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• *Akin Wale* October 23, 2012 at 10:49 am

Whenever the Police and armed robbers in gun battle, They always get killed by the armed robbers.

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• *obj* October 23, 2012 at 11:16 am

May their souls rest in perfect peace.

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- *Festus* October 23, 2012 at 11:26 am

how can five police men confront 13-15 armed robbers. Na wa for this country o!

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- *Massttermind* October 23, 2012 at 11:52 am

‘He assured the people of the state of adequate security of lives and property.’; the governor, that is!!

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- *otitokoro* October 23, 2012 at 12:30 pm

these are the brave police men. may there soul rest in peace.

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• *tony are* October 23, 2012 at 1:27 pm

Our police needs proper training. Better trained and competent senior officers. Also, state governors should be stopped in buying vehicles for the police but they should contribute money to their state police money pot. IG or FG should commission special police vehicle that has better small arms protection.

The police senior officers have taken the frequent killing of officers as normal and as nothing serious. The president needs to reverse this trend.

As for me, Nigeria Police Force has passed its Sell by Date and we need about 5 police forces rather than one for the country. I do not support state police as governors are rogues. One of the punch a civil servant this weekend

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• *Jerry* October 23, 2012 at 1:54 pm

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• *omobabaolowo* October 23, 2012 at 2:34 pm

The type of Police we had towards confronting armed robbers are not well trained on such combat. A good police officers knowing the type of risk that his job involved should always walk around with caution, rather than walk like someone sourcing a rich man in a jeep to beg for money. They are all not well trained for the job. Immagine, one of them said they the remaining officers have to hide because the weapons with the robbers are more superious to their own, what sense does such statement potend if they are well trained and prepare to do their jobs with less risk?

Please, My respected IG, organize a well trained officers to handle this type of urgly incident.

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• *Ezzy* October 23, 2012 at 2:54 pm

@tony are stop condemning others, you are not perfect

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• Ezzy October 23, 2012 at 2:56 pm

@tony are: stop condemning others, you not perfect

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• padded October 23, 2012 at 3:03 pm

where the policemen posted to that eatary in the first instance? if they werent, then corruption and extortion has a way of killing one...ride on officers...may your sould rest in peace. Amen

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• osas October 23, 2012 at 7:25 pm

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- *udoka* October 25, 2012 at 8:47 am

FOR HEAVEN SAKE,WHAT IS IT DAT IS IN A FILLING STATION DAT WILL WARRANT D POLICE TO GUARD THERE? THEREBY ENDANGERING D LIFE OF THESE POLICEMEN.

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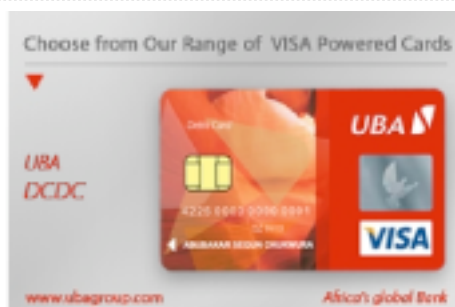
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