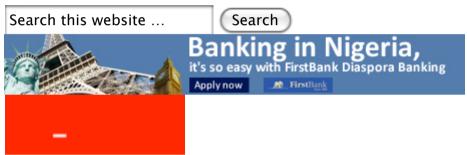
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November 2, 2012 by Jude Owuamaman and Segun Olatunji

Four persons, including a policeman, were on Thursday killed in an ambush in Jos.

The killings came as the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone II, Mr. Mamman Tsafe, said the force had devised means of stopping the killing of policemen by armed robbers in the country.

The policeman identified as Corporal Istifanus Samaila was said to have been killed in Jwol area of Jos by gunmen who opened fire on him and his colleagues while on patrol.

It was learnt that other policemen fled into the bush after Samaila was killed by the

hoodlums.

It was learnt that after the incident the gunmen attacked four persons at Sopp Village, killing three and injuring the fourth.

Meanwhile, two men coming from Ganwuri Market were reportedly killed close to their village at Jebu near Sopp in Ganwauri late on Wednesday.

Another woman was also killed around the market at the same time.

A police source said the gunmen destroyed farmlands as they entered two villages before they were eventually repelled by some of the natives who summoned their courage to launch a counterattack

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Emmanuel Abuh, confirmed the incidents.

Tsafe, who spoke during the foundation laying of the Police Officers Wives' Association Secretariat, Abeokuta, Ogun State on Thursday, promised that the police were battle-ready to confront armed robbers.

Tsafe, who decried the killing of five policemen by robbers in Abeokuta and Ibafo recently, said, "We have done a lot to make sure that such incidents do not happen again. As I talk to you, we have new strategies which I will not disclose to you.

"We have deployed our men in the highways to deal with anyone who may want to cause distractions to the good people of Lagos and Ogun. People should go to bed with their eyes closed."

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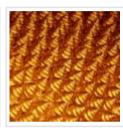


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