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Soldier killed during robbery operation in Lagos

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Egbuzobi

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Operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, Lagos, smashed a robbery gang in the Ilasamaja area of Lagos State, killing two and arresting one other.

PUNCH Metro learnt that among those killed was a soldier, identified as Sgt Eyo B, with number 93NA/968.

According to Police authorities, the suspects were about to embark on a robbery operation around 7pm on Wednesday when the Officer-in-Charge of SARS, Abba Kyari, deployed his men in the area.

The suspects, on sighting the police, were said to have opened fire on the policemen after which the policemen fired back, killing two of the suspects while the third suspect, Chinonso Egbuzobi, was arrested.

Police Public Relations Officer, Ngozi Braide, said ammunition and a vehicle were recovered from the suspects.

She said, "Around 7pm on Wednesday, the Officer-in-Charge of SARS, SP Abba Kyari, received information that a group of armed robbers were about to strike a bureau de change in the Ilasamaja area of Lagos.

"Kyari deployed his men in the area and they engaged the robbers in a shootout and arrested one of the gang members, Chinonso Egbuzobi, 28.

"Two of the armed robbers, including one with Nigeria Army ID Card with No 93NA/968, depicting Sgt Eyo B, were fatally wounded.

"An AK47 rifle With S/no 05267, 11 Loaded AK47 Magazines, Chevrolet Jeep with plate number, LH 124 EKY were recovered. Investigation continues."

All attempts to speak with the General Officer Commanding 81 Division, Major General Obi Umahi, for comment, proved abortive as his line stated that it was switched off.

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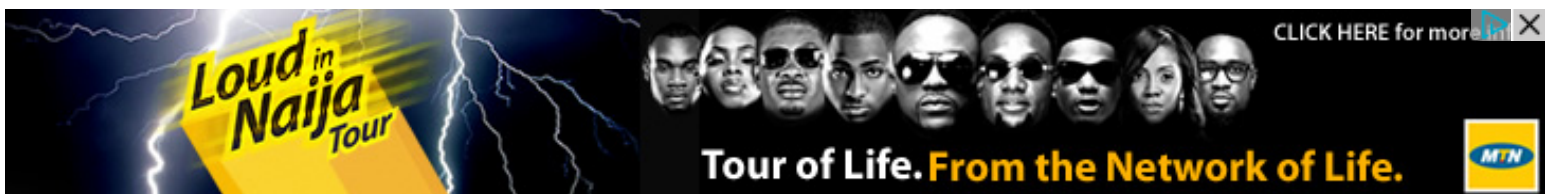
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