Ogun police arrest three for killing nine persons

February 16, 2016

Some of the suspects. Photo: Samuel Awoyinfa

10287

The Ogun State Police Command has arrested three members of an armed robbery gang alleged to have been involved in the killings of no fewer than nine persons in the Ijoko area of the state.

It also arrested a landlord, Oludayo Adekunle, for allegedly stealing a car, Toyota Carina E, with number plate, LNB 961 BU, belonging to another landlord in Sagamu.

Parading the suspects and eight others on Monday at the command headquarters, Eleweran, Abeokuta, the state Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, gave the name of the suspected robbers as Razak Ogundairo (25), Idowu Tijani (45) and Raimi Ogunkunle (25).

He said the suspects had confessed to committing the crimes, adding that they had been terrorising the people of the Ijoko area for seven years.

Ali said a team of Special Anti-Robbery Squad in the state stormed their hideout in Ijoko and arrested Ogundairo, who is said to be the ring leader, with one double-barrelled cut-to-size pistol and one single-barrelled pistol with 14 live cartridges.

He said, "The arrest of the suspect, who confessed to have killed five persons in the Ijoko area, led to the arrest of the two members of the gang.

"The leader of the gang, Idowu Tijani, confessed to have killed four people, including Soje, Babajeje and Agali in the Ijoko area."

Also paraded were four suspects who allegedly attacked two riot policemen and snatched their rifles at the Agric Area of Ikorodu, Lagos State.

He said the men of he Special Anti-Robbery Squad from Ogun State recovered the stolen arms, and arrested four suspects.

The items recovered from them were one AK-47 rifle with serial number, 348417, and nine rounds of live ammunition; one type 06 rifle with serial number, 07010583, and one automatic pump-action gun with serial number, 42716.

Ali said the suspects arrested were 35-year-old Sulaiman Lekuti, aka *Epe Sule*; Semiu Alaka, aka *Ese Sobo* (39); Azeez Gbolahan, aka *Eniba* (45); and Teslim Adetunji, aka *Tessy* (43).

He said, "On October 2015, some hoodlums at Agric in the Ikorodu area of Lagos, attacked two PMF personnel and collected their arms. On receipt of the information, policemen attached to SARS Abeokuta swung into action and arrested the suspects with the rifles. The case is still under investigation."

The police also paraded another set of four suspects arrested by SARS operatives for allegedly robbing the owner of a Bajaj motorcycle with number plate, DBG 652 UZ, at gunpoint on Ode-Remo Road.

The suspects' names were given as Muhammed Ibrahim, Ogunjirin David, Muda Yaya, and Adebayo Segun.

One locally-made cut-to-size gun, one live cartridge, one Bajaj motorcycle with number plate, DGB 652 UZ, and charms were recovered from the suspects.

The landlord, Adekunle, was paraded for alleged theft of a car and burglary in the Ewu Oluwo area of Sagamu.

The suspect allegedly broke into the house of another landlord, Saka Opeoluwa, and stole the car and N130,000.

He allegedly took the car to Akoko, Ondo State, where he was arrested while trying to sell it.