

Lagos armed robbery suspect dies in police custody

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AN armed robbery suspect, Ismaila Ayinla, has died in the custody of policemen attached to the Amukoko Division of the Lagos State Police Command.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Ayinla, a father of two, alongside other fleeing suspects, stormed the Ladipo Market, Amukoko, and robbed business owners of their property.

The operation was said to be ongoing when Ayinla and his gang members allegedly shot one of the security men guarding the market.

It was learnt that the nearest police station was alerted and policemen detailed to the crime scene, engaged the armed robbers and arrested Ayinla during the operation on August 26, 2022.



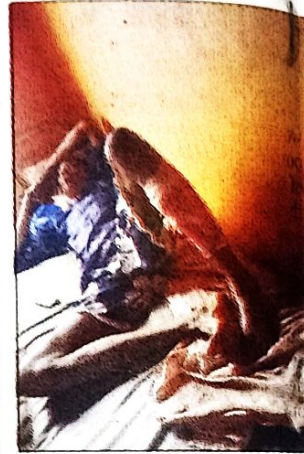
• The police station

Other members of the gang were said to have escaped as the state police command launched a manhunt for their arrest.

However, following Ayinla's arrest, he was detained at the Amukoko Division as investigation into the robbery case was ongoing.

In a bid to ascertain the steps taken by the market association regarding the incident, our correspondents visited the leader of the Ladipo Pako Market, Tajudeen Aiyelabowo, but he and his executives declined to comment.

Aiyelabowo, however, directed our correspondents



• Bolaji

to the police station and said nothing was stolen from the market.

However, two days after Ayinla's arrest, our correspondents gathered that the father of two, who was detained in a police cell at Amukoko Division, started behaving strangely.

As his health condition

worsened, it was learnt that policemen brought him out of the cell and rushed him to the Success Hospital, Pako bus stop, Amukoko, where he died.

When our correspondents visited the Amukoko Police Station regarding the events that led to Ayinla's death, policemen including one Supol Sunday Ogedengbe said there was no such case.

But during a visit to the hospital where Ayinla was rushed to for treatment, a doctor, Olamilekan Akingbola, said he died shortly after he was brought to the hospital.

Akingbola said Ayinla's medical history could not be ascertained, adding that he learnt that the deceased was caught during a robbery operation.

He said, "I learnt that there was a robbery operation and the deceased who was

caught and handed over to the police. There is a gunshot victim of the robbery that has been coming for treatment here, he was shot in the leg and I removed 28 pallets from his leg."

While in the hospital, our correspondents met the gunshot victim, Taofiq Bolaji, 41, who alleged that Ayinla and his gang members allegedly shot him during the operation.

He said, "I was shot in my left leg despite hiding on top of a roof beside Fidelity Bank when the armed robbers came to rob Ladipo Market. I don't know how they sighted me on top of the roof and shot me."

"I have been coming to the hospital every day to treat the gunshot I sustained during the incident. I don't know when the wound will heal."

"The market association contributed to paying my hospital bills. Fortunately,

the bullet didn't affect any of my bones."

Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP

Kwara musician 20 years for cybercrime

Tunde Oyekola Ilorin

JUSTICE Muhammed Sani of the Federal High Court sitting in Ilorin, Kwara State, has convicted and sentenced a Lokoja-born musician, Samuel Onojah, and two others to 20 years imprisonment for offences bordering on cybercrime.

Onojah was convicted on Monday, September 12, 2022 alongside Victor Kadiyamo and Jejelowo Segun, after pleading guilty to separate counts of internet fraud.

They were arraigned in court by the Ilorin Zonal Command of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission.

The charge against Samuel read in part, "That you, Samuel Onojah, sometime in May 2022, at Lokoja, Kogi State, within the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court, fraudulently impersonated one Richard Phillips via your Instagram account linked to your gmail account: richardphilips6211@gmail.com with intent to obtain money from one Erika which you did obtain the sum of 8 pounds worth gift cards and thereby committed an offence contrary to Section 22 (2) (ii) of Cybercrime (Prohibition Prevention) Act, 2015, and punishable under Section 22(2) (b)(iv) of the same act."

Ogun kingship tussle claims three lives, houses burnt

tension in the community.

During the clash on Sunday, youths in the community were said to have staged a protest against the installation of a candidate as the next monarch.

A source in the community said the youths were against the steps taken by a politician to install the next king.

A resident, who simply identified himself as Yemi, said a confrontation ensued during the protest, adding that the confrontation denigrated into



town. The situation is getting out of hand."

Meanwhile, indigenes in Ipokia had taken to the social media to call for calm, and urged the state government to take urgent steps to restore peace in Agosasa.

"There is war in Agosasa. This is not a joke. They should stay action on Agosasa obaship issue for now," an elder in the community, who refused to disclose his name for security reasons, said.

But our men are on the ground.

"The operation is being led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Department of Operations. Normalcy has been restored and our men are on the ground to forestall further escalation of the crisis," Oyeyemi said.

The police spokesman said some arrests had been made, but he refused to give further details about those arrested.

Oyeyemi cautioned residents against taking laws into their hands, adding that kingship

ascension should be addressed legally.

He said, "We don't need to shed blood because of obaship titles. If everyone in the town had been killed before the installation, who would emerge king to rule over the land? It isn't worth it."

"Nobody's ambition is worth the blood of anybody. We should learn how to address issues legally instead of toeing the path of violence. It doesn't pay anybody," he said.