

Robbers Kill 2 In Ijebu-Ode

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Ijebu-Ode

Armed robbers struck early this morning at Ijebu-Ode in Ijebu Ode Local Government Area of Ogun State, Southwest Nigeria and killed two persons who are yet to be identified.

P.M.NEWS gathered that the incident occurred at the Mobalufon roundabout along Sagamu-Benin expressway at about 6.30 this morning.

It was learnt that the robbers were coming from the Ogbere axis and heading towards Sagamu road when they ran into the Quick Response Squad, the State anti-robbery outfit coming from the opposite direction.

In a bid to escape, the robbers who drove in a brown Toyota van which bore no number plate started shooting.

The robbers' stray bullets hit the two victims who died instantly.

The incident paralysed commercial activities around the area as people ran in different directions for their lives.

The robbers managed to escape while the corpses of

the victims were later taken to General Hospital in Ijebu-Ode.

A police source confirmed the incident to *P.M.NEWS* correspondent on phone today.

Anyaoku Calls For Federalism

Former Commonwealth Secretary-General, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, has called for the restructuring of the present federal structure to the 1963 regional system of government.

He made the call on Thursday in an opening remark at the 2012 Annual Faculty of Arts Conference, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka.

Anyaoku, who was the chairman of the occasion, argued that federalism along the old regions would save cost of governance and improve efficiency in administration.

Speaking on the challenges of good governance in Nigeria, Anyaoku said that established institutions and good leadership were the basic prerequisite for good governance.

the N1.7 trillion subsidy fraud, but on findings by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, and other agencies.

According to the Justice Minister, "Experience has shown that whenever our law enforcement agencies are stampeded to arraign suspects, the end result is usually the discharge of such suspects by the courts ostensibly for want of evidence. Nigerians must therefore allow our law enforcement agencies to conduct painstaking investigations that will ultimately satisfy the standard of proof required in criminal cases."

The Minister stated that the exercise carried out by the House of Representatives is mainly a fact-finding one and could not be relied upon to prosecute those who were found to have soiled their hands in the scam.

"I also wish to point out that the Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee and the Resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives is yet to be transmitted to the Executive arm

of government. Nevertheless, when the report and accompanying resolutions are received, the relevant law enforcement and anti-corruption agencies will commence the tedious process of sieving through the report, with a view to assembling all the essential ingredients required to sustain criminal charges that may be filed as a result of such investigations," he added.

Mr. Adoke appealed to members of the civil society who had threatened to embark on protest to persuade government to prosecute those indicted by the probe report to exercise patience and allow anti-corruption agencies to carry out independent investigation.

He assured that government would be guided by the dictates of the rule of law and due process as required of any democratically elected and responsible government.

"In this regard, the need to ensure that thorough investigations are carried out by relevant law enforcement agencies cannot be overemphasized,"