

Harvest of criminal gangs in Lagos

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Lagos State Police Command has arrested over 100 criminal suspects in the metropolis.

The suspects were arrested in September, 2015 at different locations of the State.

The suspects were arrested for offences ranging from armed robbery, kidnapping, child theft, murder, advanced fee fraud (419) cultism, impersonation and car theft.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Fatai Owoseni who paraded 34 out of the suspects said the Police were winning the war against crime and criminality in the State.

The CP who gave a break-down on the number of alleged criminals so far arrested said a total of 40 suspects, and 31 cultists were arrested in different locations of the state including "Bariga, Ojota, Mushin and Lagos Island."

He said among the 31 suspected cultists 20 have been arraigned in the court.

"Five notorious armed robbers were shot dead during gun duels with policemen. Two out of the dead suspects jumped into the swamp at Odo-Iyaloro area of Ikorodu and died."

"A total of 27 rifles and 64 various calibres of ammunition were recovered in the period under review.



•Suspected criminals paraded by Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, yesterday

Moreover, the commissioner said that 31 vehicles were removed from park and 15 cars snatched. Out of the 46 cars stolen, 30 have so far been recovered.

According to him, 25 distress calls were foiled, and 12 robberies incident were recorded at various divisions within the command.

Owoseni warned that the war on criminals is on going. "The command will carry out the war to their hideouts because we want to be proactive. That is why I am warning criminals, no matter the names they gave themselves,

armed robbers, kidnappers or anything else to leave the state as the Police will not spare them.

He said that as part of the Command's strategies aimed at forestalling the bomb blasts that happened in Abuja recently, the command has introduced a tactical stop-and-search at entry points in the metropolis. "We have trained people that will man the entry points. They are disciplined policemen who will not insult visitors. I want to also appeal to shopping mall owners, motor park operators, houses of worship, market leaders to be vigilance and know who is coming into

their areas. They should know who is dropping what in their areas and quickly alert the Police on any suspicious person of abandoned vehicles or goods in their areas.

He also dispelled the rumours making-the-round that people have been advised to stay away from Oshodi because of alleged threat to peace in the area by suspected hoodlums..

He urged people to go about their normal duties as the Force was in control of security situations across the state.

He said the Command was fully prepared for the yuletide period .

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