

# 80 suspected robbers, kidnappers nabbed in Oyo

from Ngozi Uwujare, Ibadan

**THE** Oyo State Police Command has rounded up over 80 suspected armed robbers, kidnappers, fraudsters, cultists and recovered stolen vehicles and 50 arms and ammunition.

Commissioner of Police, Mr. Adeleye Oyeade, told *Daily Sun* that the command has a series of encounters with criminals: "The Special Anti-robbery Squad (SARS) and the Sky Net were able to overpower the criminals and recovered the stolen vehicles with arms and ammunition from the criminals.

"I have a series of talks with my men on how to checkmate the criminals. The commander SARS, Michael Nneji (CSP), with his men arrested some

30 suspected armed robbers and recovered some stolen vehicles from the hoodlums.

"Also, the commander of Sky Net, Ibrahim Moriki, encountered armed robbers who came from different states to rob in Sango, Ibadan. The suspects abandoned the stolen property including their operation vehicles. Some of them were arrested."

Oyeade explained that two notorious suspected armed robbers were arrested on September 16, 2015: "They are identified as Damilare and Abass. Items recovered from the suspects include, locally made double barrel pistol and one military camouflage barge.

"The SARS operatives clampdown members of a dare-devil robbery syndicate

responsible for the spate of robbery in different locations of the state. The suspect, one Umaru was later identified as a victim who was robbed after the suspects and six other sang members laid siege to Alaga-Otu Road where they dispossessed their victims of large sums of money and other valuables. They inflicted gun injuries on the victim now hospitalised. One motorcycle with Reg. No. FFE 750 QE, one cut-to-size single barrel pistol, one cutlass, four line cartridges and one expended cartridges were recovered.

"The command clamped down on fraudsters and other criminals terrorising residents of the state. One Olawole was intercepted on the Oyo-Ogbomoso Road while on routine check in one

ash colour *Toyota Corolla* with Reg. No. FST 298AY. The suspect who posed as a lawyer with nonexistent office at Ogbomoso has fraudulently obtained a sum of N4 million from unsuspecting victims who he promised jobs at NNPC and security organisations. The suspect confessed, claiming to be a university drop out.

"Some suspects were arrested on September 14, 2015, for rituals at Owode, Oyo, in a black spot at uncompleted building. A human part was found with them, they confessed to have killed somebody in Ogbomoso. The suspects were Oluwatosin, Adeyanju, Adewole and Odetunde. They are still under investigation.

"Earlier on September 8,

2015, at Ile Marun on the Ibadan/Lagos Expressway, a police patrol team from Agodi Area Command, sighted a *Toyota Sienna* car with registration No. JJ3 556B1T. On being flashed down, the occupants abandoned the vehicle and ran into the bush. When the vehicle was searched, it was confirmed to have been snatched at gunpoint in Lagos State.

"The commander of the monitoring unit, Ayoola Olawale, with his detectives working on a petition uncovered some notorious fraudsters who claimed to be major suppliers of Cadbury products in Ibadan. The bandits took their victim to a shrine in Ile-Ife, Osun State, where she was hypnotized and duped.

"The monitoring unit swung into action after the fraudsters

duped the victim over N1.2 million. The unit operatives with the victim, one Funke, stormed the shrine in Ile-Ife and arrested the three-man gang while two others took to their heels. The shrine was searched, \$2 million fake and charms were recovered. The suspects are Afolabi, Ajibade and Bode.

Oyeade said the mission and vision of the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Solomon Arese, "is to have a people's police force which places premium on respect for human rights, proactive policing, public partnership, collaboration and intelligence for quality service delivery."

The CP visited the University of Ibadan as part of his efforts to ensure partnership with the university community.