

Gunmen kill 2 police officers, PCRC member

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POLICE In Zamfara State are on the trail of rampaging gunmen who killed an Assistant Superintendent, ASP Gambo Adamu and Ibrahim Mohammed, who is a member of the Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) on Tuesday.

The state police command's spokesman, ASP Muhammad Shehu, while confirming the killing, assured that the culprits would soon be brought to justice.

The late ASP Adamu who was in-charge of Damba outpost under the Tudun Wada police station, was shot at close range by the assailants around 2am. He died in his residence at Sha'iskawa Quarters, Gusau while Mohammed, who was attacked at his home at Filin Jirgi area also in Gusau was sprayed with bullets despite pleas by his wife.

While nothing was taken from the ASP's residence, the assailants stole the PCRC member's phones and other valuables.

The armed men also attacked Mr. Salisu Horror, a resident of Rijiyar Gabas area in Gusau, who is admitted in hospital for bullet wounds.

Meanwhile, a police officer and two cultists were killed in a gun duel in Calabar yesterday.

The Cross River State Police Command, told reporters that Inspector Edet Archibong was killed in the fight against suspected cultists numbering over 50 who engaged the Atakpa Division patrol men in gun battle along Bogobiri by Queen Duke Junction in Calabar.

A Deputy Commissioner of Police, (DCP) Mr Tunde Gbolarumi, said during the shoot-out, the police lost an Inspector, while they also killed two cultists.

He said: "In the late hours of Tuesday, some cult boys numbering about 50 engaged our men in a shoot-out. During the process, we lost an Inspector; while our men also killed two of the cultists.

"We recovered one English pistol, two local pistols and two empty cartridges.

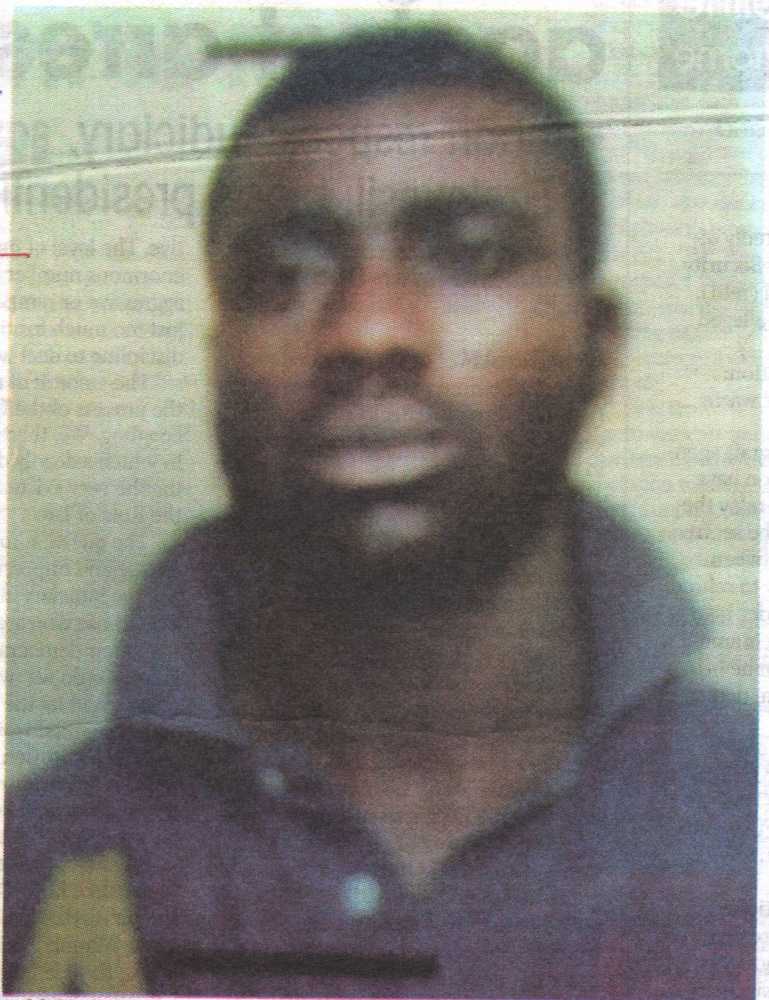
"Also, one of our men, Sgt. Awo Obongha, was also shot and wounded. He is receiving treatment and from the medical reports, he is fast recovering.

"We arrested eight suspects in connection with the crime. Investigation is ongoing and the suspects would soon be charged to court", he said.

The DCP said the other 14 suspects were arrested for various offences such as kidnapping and armed robbery, just as the command also rescued a kidnapped victim, Mrs Oma Ebutaya on October 11 at Satellite town in Calabar.

According to him, the victim was abducted by four armed men in her car as she was about entering her house.

"On getting the report, our 'A' police division led a team with the victim's relations and our men traced her to where she was rescued.



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