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Hoodlums kill 2 policemen over colleague's death

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1 **ANGRY** hoodlums at the Aruna area of Ogba, Ikeja, Lagos, allegedly killed two police sergeants attached to Area 'G' Police Command yesterday.

2 Daily Sun learnt that the policemen were on patrol in the area when the hoodlums, who were returning from the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja, where they went to collect the remains of their colleague, Shina, who died escaping from the police during a raid on the criminals' hideout on Wednesday, last week.

Our correspondent gathered that the deceased, a father of two, scaled a fence in order to escape, but the fence collapsed on him and crushed his chest. He was rushed to the hospital, where he later died.

The hoodlums were said to have gone on rampage on their return from the mortuary. The first port of call was the Area 'G' command in Ogba, where the area commander was said to have warned his officer not to react to the hoodlums.

A witness who spoke off record said the unfortunate incident could have been averted if there policemen had left the scene when the hoodlums were abusing them and daring them to take action.

He said: "The hoodlums, when they were going to the mortuary to collect the remains of their colleague by 8am, went in two tricycles and two commercial buses decorated with leaves (as a mark of mourning).

"The hoodlums were armed with placards. They also caused gridlock on the road, chanting and singing solidarity songs that it was one Alhaji, a policeman at Area 'G', who killed their colleague when he raided their base at 'Aso Rock'.

"Immediately the hoodlums saw the policemen, one of them moved close to them and slapped one of the policemen, and, before we knew what was happening, they had collected the policeman's gun and shot him in broad daylight.

One of the aggrieved hoodlums, Sunday, said they were not criminals but law-abiding citizens, and police should stop disturbing them.

When the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Chike Oti, was contacted to confirm the story, he said five persons have been arrested and have been transferred to the SCIID, Pantti, Yaba.