

Police kill notorious kidnapper in Lagos

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A suspected kidnap kingpin, Sulaimon, also known as Pencil, was on Sunday night shot dead in a gun battle with the police at Odogunya area of Ikorodu, Lagos.

The demise of Mufutau, who the police described as most wanted notorious kidnap ringleader, brings to an end his reign of terror in Ikorodu and its environ.

It was gathered that the suspect on March 14, led his gang in the kidnap and murder of two bureau de change operators in Ikorodu after collecting a ransom of N1.6 million.

Pencil and his gang members buried the bureau de change operator and two other victims in a septic tank. The police had declared Pencil wanted for multiple murder and kidnappings.

It was gathered that the suspect allegedly died as a result of bullet wounds he sustained during the shootout.

It was also learnt that the suspect and his gang were responsible for the mysterious disappearance of some people in Ikorodu over a period of time.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, described Pencil and gang members as serial killers, rapists and cultists.

Three members of Pencil's gang, who were earlier arrested by operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), led the operatives to their den in Ikorodu where the bodies of the two bureau de change operators and two

other victims were exhumed.

Narrating how Pencil met his Waterloo, Elkana said a sustained monitoring of the fugitive ring leader finally yielded positive results on Sunday as a police team traced him to his hideout at Odogunya, Ikorodu.

He said on sighting the team, led by DSP Rotimi Ogunmuyiwa, Pencil engaged the team in a gun battle.

He said two SARS operatives, Omola Adedeji and Oluwadare Gbenga sustained various degrees of injuries, while Pencil sustained a bullet wound in his legs.

He said both the injured policemen and the suspect were rushed to the hospital where Pencil was confirmed dead on arrival, while the injured operatives were taken to intensive care unit and are responding to treatment.

“One gun with live ammunition and expended ammunition were recovered from Pencil,” he said.



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