

2 Policemen Killed, Several Others Injured by Smugglers

A Mobile Police (MOPOL) Inspector, and a police Sergeant lost their lives to a group of men suspected to be smugglers along Lagos/Badagry Expressway, Lagos, while several other policemen on patrol were injured.

According to a source, the Inspector, (name withheld) was amongst the policemen with Police Armour Carrier, stationed at the front of Lagos State University (LASU), Ojo campus, to ensure peace in and around the school environment, but he was in the habit of leading other junior officers of the force to the expressway to way-lay smugglers from the Nigerian/Benin Republic border, Seme, where they extort money from the criminals.

The source stated further that apart from extorting money from these smugglers, who operate at night, they also delayed them from getting to their destinations before day break. That was why he was killed by the angry smugglers.

He explained that the fleeing smugglers met other foot policemen from Okokomaiko Police Station on patrol and opened fire

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on them leaving a Sergeant badly wounded and was later confirmed dead, while other fairly lucky ones, who received different degrees of bullet wounds, were recuperating in hospital.

"Despite the warnings given by the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr. Sunday Ehindero against road-blocks in the country, some of these unscrupulous elements would not listen. See what happened to the Inspector now, He lost his life just like that.. This will serve as a deterrent to other stubborn policemen", the source stated.

Confirming the story, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) said the killers were fleeing armed robbers, who he said had robbed some people and that on their way of escape, rained bullets on all the policemen on patrol duty, where two of them lost their lives and several other injured.

Meanwhile, the remains of slain policemen have been deposited at the Military hospital.