

Robbers Kill 4 Policemen

Dare devil armed robbers went on rampage yesterday in various parts of Lagos State, killing four police officers attached to the State Command pushing the total number of policemen so far killed in two separate incidents to eight.

Yesterday's killing came barely seven days after a similar event took place at Abule Egba

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towards achieving "the comprehensiveness and validity of data, which the exercise is designed to have."

A statement signed by Pastor Segun Adeogun, Director, Public Affairs of INEC, listed the areas as Bakassi in Cross River State, Takum (Taraba), Ogbaku (Cattle Market Town in Abia), Gbaramatu and Oporaza (Delta) and the riverine areas of Delta, Lagos, Bayelsa, and Ondo states.

The areas "have been identified with peculiar features or developments, about which the Commission strongly feels there should be conscious national attention, to ensure that they are fully aligned to the scheme of national political and social development," the Commission said.

Registration in other parts of the country will begin as from October 21 and end on November 30, 2006, while "every matter concerning the exercise will end on December 14, 2006, according to the provision of the Electoral Act 2006, which stipulates that registration exercise will stop not later than 120 days to election date."

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in which four officers, an Inspector, two Sergeants and a Corporal were gunned down by a gang of robbers who invaded Unity Bank, Abule Egba branch.

Though, the State Command has commenced an intensive man hunt for the fleeing bandits yesterday's incident threw the whole Command Headquarters into confusion as they were still battling to come to terms with last week killing of their colleagues.

The officers whose names were given as Corporal Steven

Onyegbu, Corporal Angela Sakaba, Private Jacob Owumi and Private John Otubu all attached to Bode Thomas Police Station were said to be on a regular patrol of the area when they ran into a road block mounted by a five man gang of robbers between Eric Moore and Costain.

"The officers mistook the robbers for policemen. They came down from their patrol van with registration number HY 364 AA which was said to have been donated to the police by Sunflag. The robbers opened fire on them immediately. Three of the offi-

cers died instantly while the fourth one died in an hospital" a police source stated. The hoodlums, who were said to be in military and mobile police uniform at the time of the incident went away with a police official rifle and some communication equipment.

Yesterday's attack on policemen by robbers bring to the fore the state of insecurity in the State.

In less than two months there has been a total of about five bank robbers in the state, all of which recorded major casualties on the part of the police.

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