

Police Engage Robbers, Kill One

Police detectives attached to Apapa Police Station, Lagos, yesterday engaged a four-man armed robbery gang who had attempted to rob a bank, in a shootout.

At the end of the gun battle, one of the suspects was killed, while others fled with various degrees of bullet wound.

Two motorcycles, two locally made pistols and some rounds of ammunition were recovered from the fleeing gunmen.

Police has begun a man-hunt of fleeing members of the gang and advised members of the public, particularly medical practitioners and local healers, to report any victim of bullet wounds who may come to the place to seek attention. It also advised that treatment of such persons should commence while reporting the

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matter to police.

It could not be ascertained if the robbery was successful, but eyewitnesses account alleged that the robbers, operating from two motor bikes, attacked customers of a new generation bank located

on Warehouse Road, Apapa.

The suspects, according to the witness, allegedly attempted to snatch a bag from a lady who had gone into the bank to cash an undisclosed amount of money.

"It was the woman who raised alarm and attracted members of the public to her plight," the witness added.

Resident Doctors Protest Coll

Resident doctors at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Idi-Aba, Abeokuta, yesterday began an indefinite strike action, following Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)'s arrest of one of them, Dr. Leke Akinremi.

However, EFCC, in its reaction, noted that Akinremi was arrested over his alleged involve-

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ment in a N30 million-fraud and issuance of dud cheque."

THISDAY gathered that upon arrival at the hospital, the operatives, accompanied by mobile policemen approached the chief medical officer of the hospital to identify themselves and informed

Ekiti Group Condemns Political Violence

The Ekitipanupo Group, an indigenous think-tank yesterday expressed concern over the violent dimension that has emerged in the process of preparing for the governorship rerun in the state.

The group, in a statement jointly signed by its Leader, Professor Akin Oyeboode, and General Secretary, Banjo Ogunrosaye, noted that, "we are also worried about the disturbing

political trend and attendant spate of violence and tension which the coming rerun had engendered and the implications to life and property of same brothers and sisters within the political divide.

"Furthermore, we are worried because of the looming danger in the face of contending political forces that have invaded Ekiti land, if reason does not prevail. "We have evaluated the disturb-

ing political situation in the state and our position is as follows: the current political situation in Ekiti is a litmus test for the survival of our dear Ekitiland and for democracy in Nigeria.

"The aftermath of the current political atmosphere in Ekiti will liberate the peoples from the shackles of under-development, bring the best to Ekitiland and get the best out of the current political class.