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Gunmen Kill 4 Policemen in Ogun

From Sheriff Balogun in Abeokuta, 07.13.2010

Ogun State Command of the Nigeria Police Force on Sunday evening witnessed another calamity as armed robbers killed four policemen on the Ijesa Ijebu-Ilishan Road in Ago Iwoye area of Ogun State.

It was gathered that the armed bandits equally made away with the rifles of the dead policemen including an Inspector, two Corporals and a Constable. The driver of the vehicle, a Sergeant, however escaped with serious injuries.

ThisDay checks revealed that the four policemen met their untimely death on their way back from a road block around Ago Iwoye, after they had concluded the day's assignment while returning to the Divisional Police Headquarters in the town. As at the time of filing this report the identity of the murdered policemen could not be ascertained.

A police source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the killing of the policemen as sad, saying "This people had already closed for the day and were returning to their station when the robbers opened fire on their car. Funny enough, the hoodlums did not operate anywhere around the area. I believe what they wanted were the guns of the policemen they killed."

Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Olumuyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the killing, while urging members of the public to pray for the repose of the soul of the policemen. He however tasked the public on useful information that would enable the force apprehend the perpetrators.

According to him, "police are humans and not spirits. It is one of the hazards of the profession. The robbers know the policemen because the police will always be in uniform but hardly will you recognize the hoodlums. That is why we need both the physical and spiritual support of members of the public.

The PPRO added that the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Musa Daura, held a strategic, close-door meeting with officers of the command, on how to raise the level of security in the state, while noting that the robbers would be arrested.

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