

Middle-aged man shot dead, robbed of N300,000

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LAGOS — An unidentified middle-aged man was yesterday shot dead at Estate bus-stop along Ejigbo/Isolo road by a three-man robbery gang who were operated using a motorcycle popularly known as *okada*. The incident which happened at about 12.30pm, threw commuters and traders into panic, as they scampered for safety. Most of them were reportedly injured during the stampede.

Eye-witness accounts said the deceased who was on his way from a bank where he had gone to withdraw money was attacked by the gang which dispossessed him of the bag containing about N300,000. But the deceased was said to have put up stiff resistance with the bandits which attracted passers-by and touts otherwise known as *agbero*.

But one of the rampaging robbers reportedly shot the man in the leg, rib and waist, while others fired indiscriminately into the air to wade off intruders, before zooming off in their unmarked motorcycle, leaving their victim stone dead in the pool of his own blood. When *Saturday Vanguard* arrived the scene, sympathizers who were seen discussing in groups later took to their heels when they sighted a police van approaching.

In another development, three persons including a 68-year-old man were yesterday crushed to death along Muritala Mohammed International Airport road. The 68-year-old man identified as DOnatus Osigwe, according to the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olubode Ojajuni, was run over by a Mercedes Benz car at about 7am, whose driver escaped. He said traffic policemen from Ajao division visited the scene and removed the corpses to the public mortuary.