

Outrage over killing of *ThisDay* Editorial Board chairman, 5 cops

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OUTRAGE yesterday greeted the killing of the chairman of *ThisDay* Editorial Board, Godwin Agbroko, and five policemen by people suspected to be armed bandits in Lagos.

Governors Bola Tinubu of Lagos State and James Ibori of Delta State expressed shock over the murder just as the police vowed to do everything within their capacity to find the killers.

The policemen, all serving at Makeinde Division, sources said, were shot dead at about 10.30 pm by a gang of suspected armed robbers at a black spot along the Murtala

Muhammed International Airport Road, Mafoluku, Lagos. The circumstances surrounding the dastardly act could not be ascertained at press time. But reports said the armed men numbering seven were returning from a very successful robbery

operation along Oshodi/Apapa Expressway and Rain Oil Filling Station along Okota Road when they ran into some police men who were responding to a distress call on the killing of the *ThisDay* Editorial Board chairman under the Isolo Flyover.

On sighting the policemen racing to the scene, the armed men reportedly opened fire on them. The five police officers, including an inspector died on the spot. Sources told *Sunday Vanguard* that the armed men who reportedly came in two unmarked jeep vehicles with a search light had stormed the filling station and opened fire sporadically before carting away unspecified amount of money said to be the sales of the night.

Lagos State police public relations officer, Mr. Bode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police (SP), who described the dastardly act as unfortunate, said the state command was doing its best to confront armed robbers in the state.

His words: "What happened is very very unfortunate. The police is doing its best to secure lives and property. We are trying our best to confront these hoodlums in the face of nothing. We are rising up to the challenges and we shall not relent. The five police men who were killed were responding to distress call over the attack and killing of the *ThisDay* Editorial Board chairman somewhere around Isolo bridge. Our men who were at a black spot quickly moved towards the scene of the attack only for them to fall into the hands of these bandits.

"We are appealing for moral and societal responsibility because these criminals are children of some people, they are brothers to people and fighting crime should be the responsibility of everybody. So, people should talk to their children and wards. People should volunteer information on criminals hideouts so that we can have a better society."