

Armed robbers on the rampage, kill one in Lagos

● *Snatch Sun Newspaper editor's car*

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LAGOS—A GANG of armed robbers yesterday went on the rampage in Egbeda area of Lagos, shot dead one unidentified person and injured several others. The five man armed gang, sources said, snatched several other cars including that belonging to the Acting News Editor of *the Sun* Newspaper, Mr. Dipo Kehinde.

The journalist's younger brother who was at the time driving their aged mother was reportedly thrown out of the car into a gutter and shot at severally by the rampaging robbers. He is said to be receiving medical attention at an undisclosed hospital where

doctors are presently battling to extract bullets lodged in his thighs. Incidentally, while the robbery was going on, Mr. Dipo Kehinde was attending a security meeting with the new commissioner of police Lagos State, Mr. Bashir Aazeez, on ways to ensure a hitch-free election on Saturday April 14, 2007.

The armed robbers were also reported to have released volleys of bullets at the On-ilekere Police Post near the Punch Newspapers while fleeing. Policemen who were at the station at the time of the incident were said to have scampered for safety when they heard the sound of the robbers' gun shot.

According to sources, be-

fore the policemen could mobilize to face the hoodlums, they had abandoned their get away car and snatched another one whose occupant they reportedly shot dead. The snatched car belonging to the journalist had however been recovered where it was abandoned.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olabode Ojajuni, who confirmed the incident said the police were already at alert with a view to cracking down the fleeing bandits. He said measures had been taken with a view to ensuring a crime-free Lagos State during and after the forthcoming general elections.