

Police battle robbers on Third Mainland Bridge, kill two

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TWO members of a notorious armed robbery gang who specialize in robbing commuters and motorists at the Third Mainland bridge were Thursday night killed by a team of policemen from the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos. A member of the gang which normally carry out their operations with motorcycles was however arrested after a gun duel with the Police.

Reports said the robbers arrived the bridge around 7pm and positioned themselves strategically before starting their operation. It was learnt that they attacked motorists and commuters who were trapped in the hold-up by relieving them of their belongings which included; handsets, wristwatches, jewelries and

cash.

Some of the victims who managed to escape from the robbery scene reportedly alerted a team of policemen they sighted on the other side of the bridge who swiftly raced to the scene of

the incident. On sighting the policemen, the robbers opened fire at them.

In a gun duel that ensued, two members of the gang were gunned down while one of them fled with bullet wounds in a commercial bus.

Presidential polls

INEC files defence against Agoro at tribunal

THE Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has forwarded its defence to the Presidential Election Petition Tribunal sitting in Abuja denying all the claims of the petitioner, Dr. Olapade Agoro, the Presidential Candidate of the National Action Council (NAC).

Dr. Agoro is presently challenging the electoral victory of President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua in the presidential election held on 21st April, 2007.

He is contending that the whole election was fraught with massive irregularities and should therefore be annulled in its entirety. In the petition marked CA/A/EP/1/2007, Dr Agoro is praying the tribunal to cancel the election because, "the 2nd respondent (INEC) deliberately and in dereliction of duty and in violation of Sections 82(1) and 130(1) omitted to correctly put the petitioner on the ballot papers for elections conducted on 21st April, 2007".