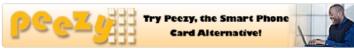
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Sallah tragedy: Two die in auto crash, one killed by stray bullet

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ENUGU —IT was a tragic Eid-el-Fitr celebration in Enugu as three persons were killed in two separate accidents. While two were crushed to death in an auto crash on Monday, another, a middle-aged man, was, yesterday, shot dead by men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Enugu State Police Command while pursuing armed robbery suspects within Ogui New Layout of Enugu. An eyewitness said two persons riding on a motorcycle at Ugwuaji area of Enugu along the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway were killed in an accident involving a refuse evacuation truck belonging to Enugu State Waste Management Agency (ESWAMA) and a Hiace bus owned by Peace Mass Transit Company.

Although the State Police spokesman, Mr. Mike Abbatam DSP, could not be reached for comments on the two incidents yesterday, Vanguard learnt that the mutilated corpses of the accident victims were evacuated to a government-owned hospital mortuary in Enugu by the police.

The source said that drivers and occupants of the two vehicles were said to have disappeared from the scene on noticing that the two occupants of the motorcycle were dead apparently for fear of being attacked by other motorcyclists, who rushed to the scene to sympathize with their deceased colleague.

In the robbery incident that threw residents of Ogui New Layout into panic yesterday, the fearless crime-bursting police squad, however, succeeded in gunning down the fleeing armed robber along College Road but the middle-aged man and a father of three, identified as Ekene residing at Port-Harcourt Street which was few metres away from the scene, was not lucky, as he was hit on the head by a stray bullet.

Two armed bandits operating on motorcycle were said to have attacked a computer shop along Udoji Street in Ogui at about 2 pm yesterday but in a bid to flee with their loots, they were intercepted by the SARS operatives.

One of the robbers reportedly dropped his locally made pistol and took to his heels and escaped while the second, a light skinned young man, also armed with a locally made pistol, ran towards Edinburgh Road shooting into the air to scare his pursuers.

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