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Nigeria: Robbers Kill Police Officer in Shoot-Out

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Ilorin — TRAGEDY struck in Kwara state on the new year day as an armed robbery gang killed a mobile police officer in a bloody shoot out, while the President of Ilorin Emirate Descendant Peoples Union (IEDPU) Alhaji Ahmed Hameed also dropped dead same day in a mysterious circumstances thereby throwing the residents into a mourning mood.

Hameed, 64 had on Christmas day presided over the 43rd anniversary of IEDPU where he requested for prayers for some of the prominent citizens of Ilorin Emirate who had died in the previous years.

Also, the police command started the New Year on a tragic note as a marauding squad of armed robbers killed one Mobile Policeman during a bloody shoot out on Saturday evening in Ilorin, the state capital.

Spokesman for the command, Mr. Tunde Mohammed, who confirmed the sad news to newsmen last night, said the incident happened during an exchange of gunshots between the mobile police officers and the gang of armed robbers.

Tunde said the hoodlums went away with one AK 47 Rifle with No 4798 which was snatched from the deceased policeman who along with his mates were on Stop and Search duty at the Afon/Ganmo Junction nipping point when the incident occurred.

The police spokesman however called on the leadership of the police to provide bullet proof vests along side other items that could make the police perform their duties effectively and efficiently with less risk.

The robbers, numbering about 20 according to the spokesman, had arrived at the junction in three vehicles; a Toyota Land Cruiser Jeep, a black Sports Car and another vehicle whose make could not be ascertained due to the ensuing pandemonium.

He noted that it was when the policemen were searching one of the vehicles that the hoodlums opened fire from behind during which one of the policemen was killed. Mohammed gave the name of the deceased as Corporal Tuwan Simon.

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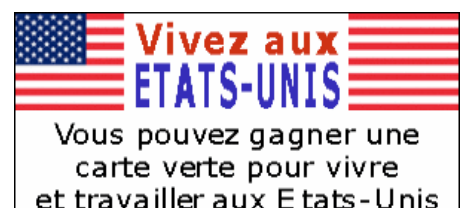


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