

Group alleges plan to hijack voters' registration exercise

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Coalition for Good Governance and Economic Justice in Africa, CGGEJA, yesterday, raised alarm over alleged attempts by politicians to perpetrate

fraud in the ongoing voters' registration exercise across the country, saying the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, should resist such attempt.

The group's Executive Director, Prince John Mayaki, who was in Lagos weekend,

said: "If report reaching us that a political party has mobilised supporters to go and register in certain areas where they are perceived not on ground is true, then the country is heading for the rocks and democracy at the risk of collapse."

Besides, Mayaki said he was in Lagos to sensitise his people on the need to go to their various villages to register in order to have a voice and stake in who governs them.

Robbers kill 2 policemen, woman in Lagos

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Gunmen struck weekend, in Ketu area of Lagos, and killed two policemen. A woman was also killed by a stray bullet from the robbers, while another Police Corporal who managed to escape, was at press time yesterday still in coma in an undisclosed hospital.

Report said the policemen were on surveillance around Oluwalogbon, close to Owosamson School, Saturday, where they arrested a motorcyclist for operating beyond the stipulated time.

However, the sudden sound of gun shots rattled everyone, as some persons on two motorcycles, who ran into the policemen, reportedly opened

fire on them.

The four-man robbery gang felled three of the policemen. Two died on the spot while the third was later rushed to the hospital unconscious. The female passenger on the motorcycle that earlier arrested, was allegedly killed by a stray bullet from the robbers.

Motorists plying the route hurriedly made U-turns, while passers-by fled.

Meanwhile, a 12-man robbery gang, yesterday, stormed Okealor in Gbagada area of Lagos, and carried out a two-hour operation unhindered.

The robbers, said to have been armed with sophisticated weapons, arrived in two vehicles which they stationed in Adeyemo Arowolo

Importing mercenaries

According to him, "we also have it on good record that about 22 persons who were neither residents nor indigenes of Akoko-Edo Local Government Area but imported there, have been arrested by the police in Edo State.

"While we are not only calling for the diligent prosecution of these persons and their sponsors, the Coalition feared that not only will this attempt by these desperate politicians discredit the effort by the Federal Government and INEC in the pursuit of credible elections come April 2011, it is also capable of painting Nigerian in bad light."

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