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Robbers kill four soldiers in Lagos

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By ALBERT AKPOR

Robbers yesterday in Lagos killed four soldiers attached to OPs MESA. Details of the attack were sketchy at press time, but sources said the soldiers were on routine patrol at Afro media and environs when the hoodlums opened fire on them killing four occupants of the patrol van on the spot.

The bandits were said to have comfortably alighted from their vehicles, collected the fallen soldiers' rifles and ammunition and shot their way to escape.

The new Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Samuel Jinadu could not be reached, but a source close to his office which confirmed the attack said the armed robbers laid ambush against the soldiers. "From what I was told, the soldiers attached to OPs MESA were responding to a distress somewhere at Afro-Media when they ran into an ambush by the hoodlums. They opened sporadic fire on the patrol van killing four of them on the spot. They collected their arms and ammunition."

It was also not possible to ascertain whether any of occupant of the patrol van survived the attacked but sources said the remains of the killed soldiers have been deposited in the mortuary for autopsy.

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Clem OKONKWO 6 days ago

My condolences to the family of the deceased and believe it or not, this incident cannot be called "armed robbery"; it is a clear indication of a "gorilla-warfare" within Nigeria. Something is terribly wrong somewhere.

I had said in fear occasions that Nigerian soldiers were not properly trained and as such, not battle-worthy. Under normal Military standards, four soldiers alone don't go on patrol. The least statistics is 6-including the driver for peace-time patrol. On such Emergency, 4-must debark from the vehicle 4-kilometer to the scene on foot pursuit/patrol. They drove into ambush by act of laziness (ordinary police can tell you the same).

I suggested numerous times to split the Military from JTF but to no avail. When a wildcat is extremely domesticated, it could hardly hunt and catch ordinary house-mouse. I have never seen where the Military is merged with the police and call them JTF, except in Nigeria. Retrain the Military well. The mix-up is unhealthy professional hazard and it is very demoralizing to soldiers who should be called the last stand for Constitutional Defence.

The group that did this is probably an emerging cult for Election 2011 or just for Highway robbery. I have severally suggested a Public Commission of Enquiry into various Cults in Nigeria at no avail. Those hired to Advise the incumbent Administration are not strictly following the trend of events.

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yinka 6 days ago [in reply to Clem OKONKWO](#)

Seem you are ignorant of military procedures while responding to distress call. How could you have imagined that there were only 4 soldiers in the vehicle when the least number of men being detailed for such operation is 10, perhaps the writer failed to elaborate that the remaining men escaped and engaged the robbers in a shoot out. And from which tactics book did you read that troops must disembark from their vehicle and walk for several kilometers to the objective while responding to distress call? The fact is that the men simply walked into a well laid ambush which would have been extremely difficult for any trained force to avoid considering the urban nature of the area. Finally, what is your rationale for proposing a split of the military and JTF? I think that you are just a bloody civilian with elementary knowledge of military activities probably derived from pages of newspaper. This knowledge is far far incomplete for you to judge on military operations especially when public sentiments are being drawn. Please apply your knowledge rightfully and don't deceive the general public with sensational write up.

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[Larry Eme](#) 6 days ago [in reply to yinka](#)

@Yinka, it seems you are loud mouthed and ignorant. Why on earth should the military be combating armed robbers, a job meant for the police? so what happens when the JTF can no longer cope with crime? invite the foreign military? the police should be well trained in all aspects of crime fighting and prevention and the military should remain focussed on external security.

let's stop chasing shadows.

it seems the main reason soldiers are used to fight crime in Nigeria is because the government fears the robbers would be afraid of the soldiers, mind you years ago the mopol used to be seen as 'tough no nonsense'.

but putting on a military fatigue is not the solution to crime, but sound training of the relevant agency concerned with crime fighting and proper remuneration and insurance.

Nigeria and Nigerians should stop putting round pegs in square holes.

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[omon](#) 5 days ago [in reply to Larry Eme](#)

If the military cannot take care of armed robbers, is it the police that can do it? It shows that the entire system needs a complete overhaul and reform!

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[Dennis Umeh](#) 5 days ago [in reply to omon](#)

TOO MANY CHILDREN + LOW INDUSTRIALIZATION = JOBLESSNESS + CRIME.

Nigerians breed like rats; there is no country on earth that can create jobs for that kind of population. Some women have 8-12 children. Total idiots.

Den

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[Henry Ayeni](#) 5 days ago [in reply to Dennis Umeh](#)

You are completely wrong in this your theory. It lacks plausible definition, postulates, lemma and theorem to back your assumption.

Nigeria rulers are just completely clueless to solutions of unemployment in Nigeria.

I am not an Economist neither an industrialist, but with oil alone, if I am employed a 'Sovereign Minister' of Petroleum today, I can assure Nigerian Youth of over 500,000 jobs.

Sovereign in the sense that I will be given free hand to operate with law backing me from the Motley Assembly called NASS. But because our rulers strive in chaotic situation like what we have in Nigeria, hence they closed their eyes on reasonable avenue to create jobs.

Sorry, I don't pray to be a politician neither do I want to be a Minister, simply because I would be an odd-man-out in the system.

(Edited by author 5 days ago)

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[Sanni Ayodele](#) 5 days ago [in reply to Henry Ayeni](#)

You should know that there are lots of VULTURES masquerading as politicians who will never let you achieve the plausible goal of creating 500,000 jobs; where are the Soyinka's, Solarin's and other intellectuals who joined government to serve only to be rubbished because they can't play the "GHANA MUST GO GAME". My brother, NIGERIA GO SURVIVE.....)

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[Henry Ayeni](#) 5 days ago [in reply to Sanni Ayodele](#)

It is simple, just because they were not "sovereign Officers".

But when Soyinka was no longer comfortable with IBB govt, he called it quit.

They were simply odd-men-out in IBB's govt.

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[chukoby](#) 5 days ago [in reply to Henry Ayeni](#)

Just how much jobs can a minister of petroleum create, 'sovereign' or not? And what power does a minister have over the National Assembly? I expect more intelligent discussions than these.

The petroleum industry makes billions employing relatively few people. As a minister, you don't appropriate these billions. And since you also hate the National Assembly, you can only make the difference you are proposing as a Sovereign Ruler aka dictator not a Sovereign Minister.

Controlling our rapidly growing population is definitely a right step, considering our poor economy and wider issues of global climate change and depleting world resources.

Having said all these, I must affirm I fully share your frustrations with our executive and legislative leadership.

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[Henry Ayeni](#) 5 days ago [in reply to chukoby](#)

I referred to the Motley Assembly we have because they are supposed to give backing to whatever bills a Minister bring to the floor of the house. If my proposal becomes law then I will have free hand to operate. My vision needs legal backing and it would work miracle(sorry , I am not a Pastor).

But because of those that are milking fat on our oil sector, that's why we are suffering like this unlike other countries with similar oil gift.

I won't say more than that pls.

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