

Suspected robbers kill 2 policemen, seize 3 rifles

BY EVELYN USMAN

LAGOS—TWO policemen attached to Owutu Police Division in Ikorodu West Local Council Development Area of Lagos, have been shot dead by robbers.

The no fewer than five robbers also made away with three rifles belonging to the policemen.

The policemen, it was gathered, were on a stop and search routine job at Agric bus-stop, when they were attacked at about 11pm, Tuesday.

Eye witnesses said the policemen had flagged down a Murano jeep and directed the driver to put on his inner light. Unknown to them, the occupants of the vehicle, were suspected members of a robbery gang, who had earlier snatched two vehicles from their owners.

Other members of the gang reportedly drove in a Toyota Camry car, which was directly behind the jeep.

Apparently thinking the policemen had got wind of their earlier operation, the robbers

opened fire, taking the policemen unaware.

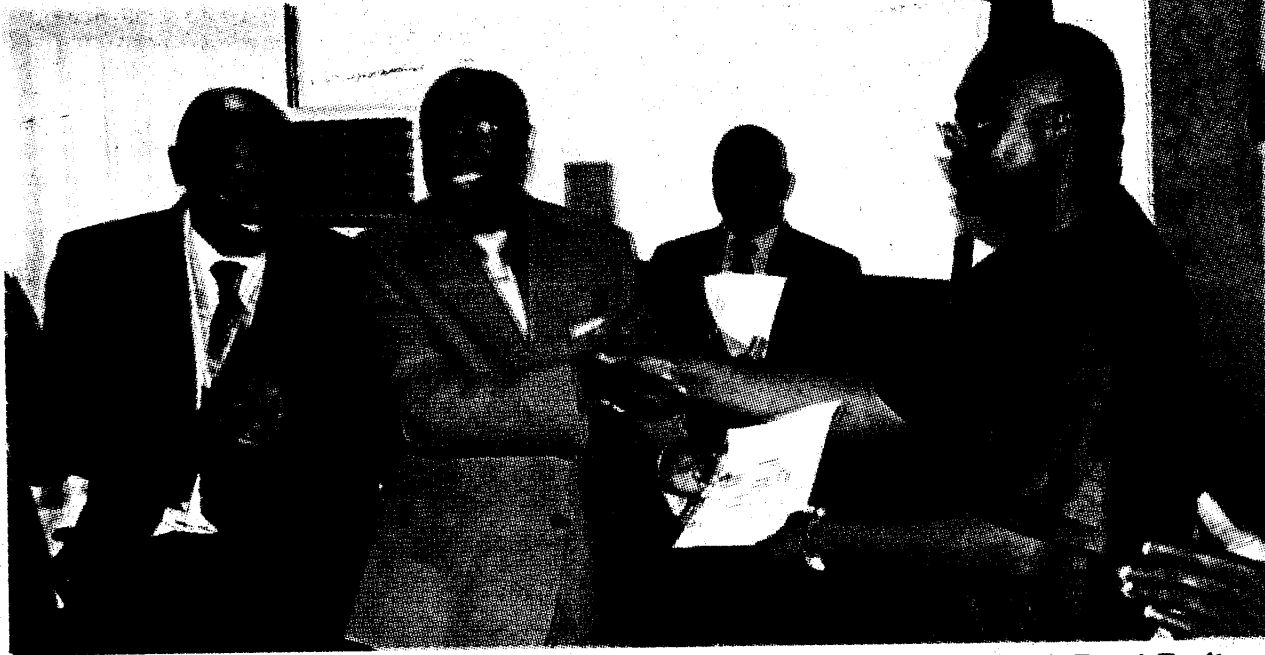
Another version of the attack said the robbers walked up to the three policemen, who were seated and opened fire on them, killing two on the spot while the third ran for safety, abandoning his rifle.

It was gathered that patrol team, which arrived the scene gave the robbers a chase, but without luck.

When information of the attack was received at Owutu Division, policemen from other divisions under Area 'N' reportedly blocked all

routes in and out of the area in search of the gunmen.

When contacted, yesterday, the command spokesman, Mr Samuel Jinadu, said he was aware of the incident, promising to contact the Divisional Police Officer in-charge of the area.



DONATION: From left: Dr. Prince Dimkpa, Globacom's Business Director for South East 1 Territory; Mr. Felix Akintola from the Office of the Chairman, M.A. Group, Dr. Mike Adenuga Jr, presenting a cheque for N150 million to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, UNN, Prof. Bartho Okolo, being Dr. Adenuga's donation for infrastructure development in the university, Tuesday.

Ex-KAI boss' wife remanded over alleged killing of 2 children

BY BARTHOLOMEW MADUKWE

LAGOS—WIFE of former Kick against Indiscipline, KAI Marshal, Alhaja Rabiatu Oyenuga, has been remanded in prison custody by an Ebute-Meta Chief Magistrate's Court, Lagos, following a charge of alleged killing of two children and injuring their mother in a motor accident.

The accused, was arraigned on a five-count charge of dangerous driving and unlawful damage leading to the death of David Lawani (4yrs) and

Tobilola (4months), and inflicting bodily harm on their mother, Mrs. Ibiyemi Lawani.

According to the charge, Mrs. Oyenuga was said to have committed the offence in Patience Street, Ebute-Meta, Lagos, while driving a Mercury four-wheel car with number plate LAGOS FR 902 LND.

Prosecuting police officer, Mr. Emmanuel Essien, said the offences were punishable under Sections 28(1), 27, 27,28 and 23 of RTA Cap. 124, Vol. 6, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2003.

Magistrate M. Olubi granted the accused bail for N500,000 with two

sureties, who must provide evidence of three years tax payment to Lagos State Government, reside within the magisterial district and show proof of means of livelihood. The case has been adjourned till October 26, for further hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF NAME

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Customs intercepts 121 bags of Indian hemp at Nigeria-Benin border

BY GODWIN ORITSE

LAGOS—OPERATIVES of the Federal Operations Unit, FOU, Zone 'A' of the Nigeria Customs Service, NCS, have intercepted 121 bags of Indian hemp on Iwoye-Imeko bush path, in Ogun State, a border town between Nigeria and Republic of Benin.

The street value of the weeds was put at about N11.5 million.

Confirming the seizures, yesterday, in Lagos, acting Controller of the Command, Mr. Victor Dimkpa, said the bags of Indian hemp were intercepted on Tuesday, following a tip-off.

The cargo was enroute Nigeria.

According to him, information got to the patrol team that the smugglers

were bringing the suspected weeds through that route. On how the drugs were seized, he said that Customs operatives "kept trailing and working on the information until, yesterday, around 6.30 am, when eventually the information paid off."

"On seeing Customs vehicle, they took to their heels and ran back to Benin Republic but we were only able to get the vehicle and its content, which is, 107 bags of Indian hemp," he said.

NNPC denies alleged scarcity of Kerosene

LAGOS—NIGERIAN National Petroleum Corporations, NNPC, has denied complaints by marketers of inadequate kerosene in circulation.

Dr Levi Ajuonuma, NNPC's Group General Manager (Public Affairs), told newsmen in Lagos, yesterday, that complaints of scarcity of kerosene was baseless.

He said: "The market is well supplied with kerosene and there is no need for members of the public to resort to panic buying. There is

leaders have so destroyed Nigeria through the monster, which is corruption that nothing is working anywhere. The worse is that the church, which is supposed to be redeeming of the nation, is already deep in corruption."

Iloh, the initiator of Operation Hope project, a platform through which she caters for widows, orphans and the needy in the country, who turns 70, said: "Things have gone so bad in the country and it appears that the leaders have no clue on how to address it."

She added that the church must rise up and preach about salvation rather than prosperity.

Rotary offers free eye surgery

BY EMMANUEL ELEBEKE

LAGOS—NO fewer than 1,000 persons suffering from different eye ailments are expected to benefit from the ongoing screening and free eye surgery by Rotary Eye Institute at General Hospital, Marina, Lagos.

More than 989 eye patients had so far been screened for eye problems at the free screening, which started on October 3 and expected to end on October 8.

The operation is being conducted by a 13-member team of eye specialists from India.

Addressing newsmen, Rotary President, Palmgrove Estate, M. Mukesh Nhatt, said the gesture was part of efforts of Rotary Club to provide high quality volume and affordable eye care to the poor with the latest technology.

sufficient kerosene in circulation. The complaint by marketers is not true. The complaint is meant to cause panic buying."

But some marketers insisted that the 37 million litres of kerosene claimed to have been imported by NNPC in May had been exhausted.

They said that the product would be scarce in every part of the country if NNPC failed to import more kerosene in the next few weeks.