

Police Inspector killed, corporal injured in Lagos robbery

LAGOS —ROBBERIES numbering over 15 at the early hours of yesterday, stormed Benson Akinyele Street in Oke-Afa area of Lagos, killing a Police Inspector attached to Ejigbo division, during a gun duel.

The robbers were said to have laid ambush for the policemen and shot a Corporal simply identified as Joseph.

Report said the robbers armed with sophisticated arms, stormed the area at about 2 a.m, held the night guards manning the major gate leading to adjourning streets

hostage before going about their robbery business.

While some of them succeeded in entering a building on the street, others positioned themselves outside apparently to wade off intruders.

Just then, policemen from Ejigbo division were alerted, following which two teams of Anti-Robbery policemen were drafted to the scene in two Police patrol vans.

But unknown to them the robbers had laid ambush.

Report said as the policemen in the white

patrol van alighted, the robbers opened fire, taking them unawares.

Although the policemen were said to have replied the robbers fire for fire, their targets reportedly hid themselves inside a drainage and were no easy targets.

The Inspector in the first patrol van identified simply as Innocent, was said to be the first to be gunned down, followed by Corporal Joseph who, however, did not die.

Residents of the area were gripped with trepidation following the resounding gun-shots said to have lasted about 20 minutes.

It was gathered that when a re-inforcement arrived the scene, the robbers had fled with their loot, leaving Inspector Innocent in the pool of his blood, dead.

His remains were removed by his colleagues and deposited at the Isolo mortuary while Corporal James was rushed to an undisclosed hospital

He urged the public to report any junior officers who victimise or harass them, saying they have been stripped of the power to arrest.

While urging members of the public not to take laws into their hands when unlawfully arrested, Edu said the officers are to render assistance to the motorists in ensuring traffic laws are voluntarily complied with.

He charged members of the public to take note of the names of such officers, insisting that junior officers have been warned not to arrest again following the complaints of aggressive enforcement.

He said: "You can easily identify the junior officer with black epaulet on their shoulders; they cannot arrest, only the senior ones with red epaulets on their uniforms can arrest.

We have stopped the juniors from arresting motorists and Okada riders except during a joint operation. That is the extent we have gone in checkmating aggressive enforcement of the law"

fighter – Fashola

"Alhaji Lam Adeshina was an honest, shrewd and pragmatic politician who took his time to make up his mind on any issue but once convinced about the rightness he became difficult to dissuade.

"He recognized the need to groom younger

generation and never found wanting in promoting the interest of the youth. He was a fighter, who never shied away from a good cause, especially, when it came to Yoruba cause.

Fashola prayed for the bereaved family to be able to bear the loss.