

*Vanguard* gathered that the policemen were arrested at Oyingbo and Gbagada areas of the state while allegedly extorting money from motorcycle and commercial bus operators.

Police sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the operatives who were ordered by the state Commissioner of Police, Umar Manko, to rid the state of corrupt policemen, stormed Oyingbo, where they caught two Traffic Wardens and a conventional policeman attached to Area 'C' Command, at Oyingbo Bus-Stop, extorting money from commercial buses and lorry operators.

Three other policemen were caught allegedly extorting money from motorcycle riders within streets of Gbagada.

## Lorry crushes teacher, 2 others in Onitsha

By VINCENT UJUMADU

**A**WKA — THREE persons were killed yesterday when a lorry lost control and crushed a commercial motorcycle carrying a school teacher along the Onitsha-Enugu expressway near the Building Materials Market in Onitsha.

The motorcyclist, the school teacher and the conductor of the tipper lorry died on the spot.

According to an eye witness, the tipper lorry, with number plate ENUGU YG 702 ENU tried to avoid hitting an oncoming Golf car, but lost control and crushed the motorcycle. The tipper somersaulted severally and eventually hit the concrete slab dropped by the construction company handling the road project.

## Man to spend a year in jail for stabbing 16-yr-old boy

**A**BEOKUTA — A MAGISTRATES' Court in Abeokuta, yesterday, sentenced a 20-year-old man, Bidemi Jayeola, to one year imprisonment for stabbing a 16-year-old boy.

The Magistrate, Mr Matins Akinyemi, sentenced Jayeola after he pleaded guilty to the charge of assault filed against him.

Akinyemi, who did not give the convict an option of fine, said the sentence was with hard labour. The magistrate said the offence was classified as a violent crime.

He said Jayeola inflicted "serious bodily injury" on another person, therefore, he had to go to jail and think about his actions.

The Police Prosecutor, Mr Sunday Eigbejiale, told the court that the offence was committed on December 24, 2012, at about 8 p.m. at Olorunda village in Abeokuta.

He said that the convict stabbed one Yusuf Ojubanire on his neck, hand and ribs while on his way to church, adding: "The young boy and his brothers were on their way to church, when Jayeola accosted them and threatened to collect their belongings."

## 29-yr-old guard jailed 2 months over ATM theft

BY ONOZURE DANIA

**L**AGOS — A 29-YEAR-OLD security guard, Benjamin Nyiynogo, was yesterday, sentenced to two months imprisonment by an Ikeja Magistrate Court, for stealing N76,000 through an Automated Teller Machine, ATM.

According to the magistrate, Mrs Dan Oni, "you are hereby sentenced to a two-month imprisonment with hard labour and without an option of fine for pleading guilty to the charge against you.

"You are to pay the N76,000 to the complainant upon your return from prison."

The Police Prosecutor Edet Okoi had told the court that the defendant stole the money belonging to one Mr Jimoh Aliu, his supervisor at work.

He said the complainant gave his FirstBank ATM card with the PIN no to Nyiynogo to help him withdraw N40,000 from his account but when he got to the bank, he withdrew N76,000 from the account and absconded with the money.

## Gunmen kill 6 persons in Plateau

BY TAYE OBATERU

**J**OS — THREE farmers were gunned down at Kassa village in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State when attackers opened fire on them as they worked on their farm.

About 23 cows were also killed during the attack, while nine were injured and five declared missing.

However, two of the attackers were also killed by members of the Special Task Force, STF, who moved promptly to the scene and engaged them in a shoot out.

Media Officer of the STF, Captain Salisu Mustapha, who confirmed the attack in a statement, said four of the attackers were arrested with arms and ammunition seized from them.

He said three AK-47 rifles, one locally made rifle, 45 rounds of 7.62mm special and 31 cartridges were recovered from the assailants.

He urged the people of the state to remain vigilant and warned that those bent on threatening the peace of the state would be treated as enemies of the state.

Meantime, three people were again shot dead in Plateau State as gunmen attacked the premises of the West African Milk Company Limited, WAMCO, Monday night, killing the three securitymen on duty.

The assailants, according to eyewitnesses, struck at about 10 p.m. at the company's premises at Kaduna-Vom in Jos South LGA. It was not clear whether they were robbers or had another mission.

Men of the Special Task Force, STF, responded swiftly and succeeded in killing two of the attackers while others escaped.