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Police kill 7 robbers in gun duel in Lagos

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BY EVELYN USMAN

LAGOS—Fresh facts emerged yesterday, on the circumstances that led to the gun duel between a 13-man robbery gang and policemen from the Special Anti-Robbery Squad and Area 'G' command, Ogba, weekend, with seven of the robbery suspects shot during the encounter, said to have died.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the robbery suspects who were, 13 in number, came from OgunState and were heading to Ajao estate area of Lagos, where they intended to raid the Osolo branch of an old generation bank, Friday. While three of the robbery suspects constituted an advance party.

Vanguard gathered however that their mission, was rendered unaccomplished as the Lagos State Command, which was said to have got wind of their action, laid ambush for them at Abule-Egba, along the Lagos-Abeokuta expressway .

On sighting the policemen, the bandits moved in two vehicles; a Toyota Sienna with number plate AKD 54 AG and Nissan Sunny car with number plate BT 914 APP, opened fire, thereby leading to a gun duel which lasted close to an hour.

They reportedly bowed to the superior fire power of the policemen who out-numbered them, thereby leading to the arrest of the suspected robbers.

Vanguard reliably gathered yesterday that seven of the injured suspects had died as a result of the bullet wounds they sustained.

It could, however, not be ascertained whether any innocent person was hit during the cross fire, as motorists reportedly deserted the route while commuters took to their heels.

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Five AK 47 riffles, five double barrel cut-to-size and a total of 535 live cartridges, according to spokesperson of the Lagos State Police Command, Ngozi Braide, were recovered at the end of the encounter.

Meantime, unknown to the Police, three suspected members of the gang were already positioned close to the bank, waiting for the arrival of their colleagues.

During the long wait, they reportedly overheard the encounter with policemen from a radio broadcast but could not ascertain if their colleagues were the robbers in question.

Police sources hinted that during interrogation, one of the arrested suspects disclosed the information to the operatives.

“When we were informed, we used the telephone number of one of the arrested suspects to contact their colleagues at Ajao, making him sound as if they were still on their way. They even told them they heard there was shoot-out at Abule-Egba and wanted to find out if it involved them”, sources said.

But when the operatives reportedly stormed Ajao area, the suspects who sensed danger, had reportedly fled the scene. They were, however, reportedly trailed to a hotel around the area, where one of them, a 48-year-old man whose identity was given simply given as Muftau, was arrested while his colleagues were said to have managed to escape.

During interrogation, Muftau reportedly disclosed that his fleeing colleagues had a rocket launcher, three AK 47 riffles and a total of 600 cartridges in their vehicle.

Identities of the other suspected robbers in Police net were given simply as Oluwaseyi, 27 and Kabiru 25.

Braide also confirmed the arrest of three suspected members of the gang, describing the suspects attempt as a foiled one, adding that efforts was still on to arrest other fleeing members.

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kudos to the police. They can do better than this if given every necessary modern equipment to track crime and criminals.

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Tribal sentiments shall never come to an appropriate end in that country Nigeria. Why will most educated elite be dancing to this tribal sentiments in our time. As i read comments I noticed that many people also revealed their hatred for late Gen Ojukwu and Awo. Nigerians knew because Awo was a tribalist, but we must forget and forgive the man no matter his sin's so that we new generation will move on. Remember that all religions have had their days of being murderers.

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forestgee ➔ Vondam • 17 days ago

We should not be focussing on tribe now but CORRUPTION. There are good and bad people in every society. Please let's help our country...

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Yorubas never got involved in armed robbery in Nigeria, dem no de thief at all, only Igbos.

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Why being so tribalistic and unfocussed?

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Guy, no I am not being tribalistic, just food for thought for those tribalists who always point fingers and accuse others.

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Jacsey1 ➔ sid • 18 days ago

Fool. Kidnapping and robbery, which one of them should you support. You should condemn anything that are not moral. A stupid ethnic bigots.

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mikymic11 ➔ Jacsey1 • 18 days ago

May be the ones arrested are Hausa's not Yoruba's. Ok Yoruba's do not Kidnap they only rob???

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sid ➔ Jacsey1 • 18 days ago

You are such a Little minded rat, lol.

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Unmaskd ➔ sid • 17 days ago

Well this is shocking news... They really don't do that.... Except they had been trained in the eastern part of the south.... And I'm sure they got caught because if e no be armed robber, e no fit be like armed robber

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Michael ➔ sid • 17 days ago

Ignorance and stupidity. Was OYENUSI an Igbo man? I hate tribalist like you. For information, i am a Yoruba born and bread.

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sid ➔ Michael • 17 days ago
You need your head examined.

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Bobby John ➔ sid • 18 days ago
well as far as everyone can see here its yoruba
who eventually is involved in the robbery.. so what do you
still have to say??..

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sid ➔ Bobby John • 18 days ago
Nothing.

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Fan ➔ sid • 17 days ago
I believe u are member of the gang
robbers

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sid ➔ Fan • 17 days ago
You need a brain surgery. Fool.

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Tochukwu • 17 days ago
kudos to lagos state police command. Keep it up. Don't
disclose your Modus operandi to the public or else the arm
robbers will learn how to out smart you. Let it remains classified.

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Lola Ajilore • 12 hours ago
For God sake Nigerians, why not take a moment to
commend and appreciate the policemen for dislodging these
armed robbers instead of debating on ethnic nonsense.

Kudos to the policemen, we always read in the news that robbers
killed policemen and escaped, this is the first
time they used intelligence gathering methodology and it worked
for them.

Geat Jo Lagos Policement, please keep up the good work to rid
Lagos of menace of armed robbers.

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Hope Fuller • 17 days ago
Please let equip our Policemen with good
communication gadgets and guns to get the best out of them.
Kudos to the entire team.

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UsaveOne • 17 days ago
Each time i read comments here...i realize that Nigeria
can never progress with such 'Tribalistic' never do well mammals
posting comment. Its a shame, sometimes i start to think that
those that post Tribal-Hate comments could be foreigners.
Shame!

Crime, Corruption, Wickedness has no Tribe.

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Michael • 17 days ago

Good job Lagos police.

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Agbonefo • 18 days ago

Good police work!

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