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ABEOKUTA—OGUN State Police Command, yesterday, said men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, arrested 21 armed robbery suspects and recovered 22 vehicles.

The Command's Public Relations Officer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, disclosed this while parading the suspects and the vehicles at the SARS office, Magbon, Abeokuta.

Adejobi said that some of the suspects had confessed to the crime.

He said that the suspects would be charged to court on conclusion of investigation, while assuring members of the public of the Command's readiness to make the state a crime-free one.

Kill four suspects in Abeokuta

He also said that four armed robbers were killed last Wednesday in Ija-Ofa area of Abeokuta, while trying to rob a businessman of N5 million.

Items recovered from the suspects, include locally-made pistols, cartridges, pump action rifle, AK-47 rifle and charms.

Adejobi said: "Ogun Police Command will not relent in its effort to make the state a crime-

free one. All the formations in the command are working round the clock to ensure the safety of the people of the state, especially during these *ember*

months.

"The arrest of these robbery suspects is a signal that the Command is ready to deal decisively with criminals."

Kafanchan's Christians hold services at home

CHRISTIANS resident in Kafanchan in Kaduna State, yesterday, could not attend the usual Sunday church service as a result of the curfew imposed on the city.

They had to stay in their homes in compliance with the restriction on movements within the city, following the 24-hour curfew imposed on the city on Friday, due to the civil unrest in the area.

Some of residents told newsmen that the presence and strict measures adopted by security agents made it impossible for them to go to their respective churches.

Mr. Wisdom Adams of Anwuan Galadima said, however, it was an obligation for him as a Christian to respect constituted authority.

He said: "I stayed at home with my family to observe

Sunday service. I had a good time with my family, as we sang songs and offered prayers for peace for our community and the nation."

Mrs Grace Dauda of Garaje said other neighbours joined them in their house.

She said: "The situation brought families and friends together to offer prayers for lasting peace in Kafanchan."

Dauda urged the local government authorities to relax the curfew to ease the hardship faced by the residents, who are largely Christians.

Mr. Stephen Anche, a cleric, said that God heard and answered prayers irrespective of where and when they were offered.

He said: "We urged Christians to offer prayers in their homes while the curfew lasts. God hears the prayers anytime and anywhere."