

The armed robbery gang
terrorised Igando/Egan

detectives to Aribisala Street in
Egan, where three of his fleeing

suspects will be charged to
court."

2 children, 3 others die in Ondo auto crash

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1 **A**KURE—TWO children and three others died yesterday, in an auto crash along Ondo-Ore Highway in Ondo State.

Seven others, who sustained various degrees of injuries, have been rushed to different private hospitals in Ore, Odigbo council area of the state.

An eyewitness said the crash involved a commercial Toyota Hiace bus with number plates AKL 930 YY and one articulated vehicle, MAN Diesel, marked FGB 747 XA.

It was gathered that the accident was as a result of excessive speeding and wrongful overtaking.

The eyewitness said: "In the accident, five people died instantly while seven others sustained injuries and have been rushed to the hospital."

Speaking on the crash, Head of Operations, Federal Road Safety Corps, FRSC, Ondo State, Olusegun Ogungbemide, said that five out of the 13 passengers involved in the accident died instantly, while seven other people sustained various degrees of injury.

Ogungbemide said: "FRSC operatives had taken the victims to Adeola Hospital, Kajola, and Opeyemi Hospital, Ore, in the area.

"yesterday, at about 7:15a.m. along Kilometre 46, Adekunle area in Ore, a bus, Toyota Hiace, marked AKL 930 YY and one articulated vehicle, Man Diesel, marked FGB 747 XA, were involved in a crash."

2 ... as bus driver
kills 2 in Ogun

In another case yesterday, tragedy struck in Akinale,

Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State, when a bus driver rammed into two people while running away from men of Nigerian Customs Service.

The bus driver, who allegedly carried cartons of Turkey, swerved, somersaulted and rammed into the people, including a vulcaniser, by the roadside, while attempting to escape from the Customs officials.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that the suspected smuggler was taking the contraband to Lagos

when the Customs men chased him along the Abeokuta-Lagos Expressway.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed the incident, noting "it is true the Customs men were chasing the bus and it somersaulted and killed two people."

Also, when contacted, the Customs spokesperson in the state, Abdulahi Maiwadah, promised to get back to *Vanguard* as soon as he got the details.

Police nab 2 over hotel killings in Rivers

2 By Davies Iheamnachor

PORT HARCOURT—RIVERS State Police

Command, yesterday, arrested two persons in connection with the recent series of killings of young ladies in hotels in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, while confirming that eight have been killed within two months by the serial killers.

The Commissioner of Police in Rivers State, Mustapha Dandaura, disclosed these to newsmen in Port Harcourt, adding that one of the suspects was arrested in Kaduna State, where he ran to after committing the crime.

The Police boss said: "A total of eight women have been killed in different hotels within two months in the metropolis.

"When this killings started, I summoned Hotel Owners Association in the state for a meeting with the aim of fighting the menace. During the meeting, we made it clear that hotels and guest house must install CCTV

cameras at the reception and all the corridors leading to the rooms."

He disclosed that the second suspect was arrested on Monday night after he had called a lady and tried to lure her to a hotel room with N30,000.

He disclosed that the lady had reported to the Police who responded immediately and arrested the suspect, adding that the suspect has already made useful confession.

The Police boss also stated that between Friday and Monday three incidents were recorded in three different hotels and that the managers and receptionist of the hotels have been arrested and would be charged to court for abetting killings.

He revealed that victims were always first drugged then strangled to death, adding that remains of victims were always tied with a white lace material on their neck or waist.

He said the repeated pattern showed that the act was carried out by a set of unknown cultists.