

# Police nab 4 robbery suspects

## •Officers fast for Okiro's confirmation

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**F**OUR daredevil armed robbery suspects met their Waterloo yesterday in Onitsha, as they attempted to escape after snatching two exotic cars and one bus in the ever busy Upper Iweka area of Onitsha, the commercial nerve centre of Anambra State.

This is happening as many officers of the command have commenced fasting & prayers for the confirmation of Mr. Mike Okiro as the substantive Inspector General of Police (IGP).

The armed robbery suspects who were in their late 20's, according to eye witness reports, barricaded the Onitsha/Owerri express road, where they had a field day robbing traders coming into Onitsha in the wee hours of the day.

The suspects according to the accounts, halted movement at the Upper Iweka for about one hour shooting sporadically in the air holding both those coming in and going out of

### Upper Iweka hostage

Sources revealed that the youthful robbers, on sighting a police patrol van, started shooting indiscriminately at the police who returned fire on them immediately, forcing them to flee when they could no longer stand the superior fire power of the police.

One of the victims of the early morning robbery attack, was a driver with one of the new generation banks in Onitsha. The driver, was beaten up by the robbers and locked in the trunk of the Toyota Corolla with registration number C Q 664 PP

However, the robbers, who were not able to escape when the police reinforced with the assistance of members of Onitsha vigilante pursued them to Awka road where they ran into a dead end after running out of ammunition. One of the robbers was shot dead while they were exchanging fire with the police, while three escaped but the police later arrested them at different locations in the city.