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11 die in police, robbers gun battle

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NO fewer than 10 persons were yesterday killed at the University of Anyigba, Kogi State, during a gun duel between armed robbers and the police, which lasted for several minutes.

Daily Champion gathered that about 40 armed robbers stormed the university premises, opened fire and headed to Afribank and Unity Bank, where they attempted to rob the banks.

Reprieve came to the banks, when a detachment of the

police and vigilante groups in the area foiled the attempt, thus provoking the armed robbers, who shot sporadically, killing about 10 people. Police guards at the banks, who prevented the robbers from gaining entrance, were shot dead.

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It was gathered that the suspected robbers, who were armed to the teeth, invaded the area by 9am with 3 luxurious buses and opened fire to scare people away. When the news filtered the town, the Vigilante group mobilized to attack the robbers, but met stiffer gun power as some of them were killed.

During the cross fire, which lasted long, four Policemen were killed while one of the leaders of the Vigilance group, simply identified as Salisu Rambo as well as one Solomon were shot dead. Also confirmed dead were two suspected armed robbers, who were hit by the bullets of the Police.

Confirming the incident, the Acting State Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Magaji Abdullahi said some police men and members of vigilance group were shot dead during the exchange of fire.

He pointed out that incident of armed robbery is becoming too rampant in Anyigba, adding that his command would do everything humanly possible to ensure that armed robbery is eradicated

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in the state., adding that the State Police Command had commenced investigation into the matter.

In another development some gunmen suspected to be hired assassins yesterday shot and killed a businessman at the commercial city of Onitsha, Anambra State.

According to eyewitness, the businessman, who is the Managing Director of the AP Filling station, Fegge, Onitsha, chief Okechukwu Ugha was shot dead by a two-man gang, who operated on a Kymco motorcycle.

Ugha, eyewitness account revealed was rushed to White chapel Hospital, after the incident, but later confirmed dead.

The two-man gang was said to be on the trail of the victim and on arrival at his office, the suspected assassins pumped several bullets into his chest.

When contacted the Anambra State Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Mr. Emeka Chuwuemeke said the matter has not been reported to the command, adding that he was hearing it for the first time.