

**BIRTHDAY...** Chairman Leadership Group/Celebrator, Sam Nda-Isaiah (left) Speaker House of Representatives Aminu Tambuwal Chairman of the occasion, Gen Theophilus Danjuma (rtd), and Former Head of State, Gen. Muhammad Buhari, during Nda-Isaiah's 50th birthday lecture in Abuja, yesterday.

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## Robbers kill vigilante leader, injure 2 in Anambra

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AS robbers continue to terrorize Anambra

State, the leader of a vigilante Group at Nkpor in Idemili Local Government of Anambra State was

Monday night short and killed by suspected armed robbery gang.

The robbers were also

said to have injured two other operatives working with the deceased.

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Champion gathered that the trio was on a routine security duty around Nkpor Junction at about 12 midnight when the incident occurred.

Sources said that the vigilante operatives noticed a Toyota Camry which stopped near them and approached the vehicle to know who the occupants were.

According to our sources, when the robbers numbering about three noticed the vigilante men coming, they immediately opened fire on them, killing their leader and inflicting bullet wound on the other two men working with him.

The remains of the leader of vigilante group whose name was not immediately known, had been deposited at the mortuary while the wounded operatives had been taken to a nearby hospital.

When contacted, the Police Public Relation Officer, (PPRO) for Anambra State, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed the incident and said investigation was on to fish out the perpetrators of the crime.

## Aregbesola challenges workers on attitude to duty

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OSUN State governor, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola yesterday stated that May Day was not just to commemorate workers' struggle for emancipation but to take work seriously.

Aregbesola, whose entry electrified the Technical College, Osogbo venue of the May Day celebration waved to workers energetically as shouts of admiration rent the air when workers burst into various songs.

Addressing the workers, Governor Aregbesola said, his administration had taken the welfare of workers to the next level reminding them of the various incentives put in place to ensure maximum performance.

His words: "We also recognise that a motivated workforce is a productive workforce and therefore will never treat with levity the welfare of our workers.

We are for instance the first administration to pay workers the 13th month salary for two years running.

"We are also the first to offer workers more than the N18,000 minimum wage. We are among the few states that pay workers' salaries by the 25th of every month. I am happy to note that our workers in the State of Osun are our greatest asset and wealth. It is humans that drive enterprise."

The governor also stated that part of the first assignments of his administration was to restore the values of the people concerning hard work, noting that this is the kernel of the Omoluabi concept which his government inculcated in all since inception.

Aregbesola said, "Our identity as Omoluabi has hard work as its central corpus. Apalara is all about relying on one's ability for life's sustenance

and making a difference in the world. Omoluabi is therefore the one that values hard work and the dignity of labour."

Debunking the insinuation that members of the state's delegation to Cuba were turned back, Aregbesola said, "Osun state's representatives are now in Havana celebrating with the Cubans contrary to the lies being told by a section of the media."

Earlier, the state chairman of the Trade Union Congress (TUC), Mr. Francis Oladele, commended the Governor for what he described as "his welfarist programmes."

He said, "In the last two years of this administration, the workers in Osun State have benefitted so much from the welfare programmes of the Governor. I wish, on behalf of the TUC and NLC, to commend the governor for his administration's welfare programmes."

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