

Robbers attack Nigerian Compass editor, snatch vehicle

LUCK was on the side of the Editor of *The Nigerian Compass*, Mr. Gabriel Akinadewo, as armed robbers on Sunday attacked and snatched his Toyota Avensis car.

Daily Champion gathered that the incident happened at Amara Olu Street, beside Zenith Bank, Agidingbi, Ikeja at about 10pm.

The bandits, numbering four, used flash lights to flag him down. Thinking that they were policemen, he stopped. One of them told him to open the boot of the car with registration number CP 11 AKM.

As he alighted to do that, he was ordered to hand over the key and told to enter the back seat.

He was sandwiched

between two of the bandits. They drove through Wempco Road, Oba. Ogunnusi Road, Stadium Road, Pen Cinema and to Abattoir at Agege where he was told to alight. They then sped away.

Items stolen include Ipad 3, driver's licence, his purse containing FCMB Mastercard, London Train Station Oyster card, Nigerian Compass ID card, complimentary cards, newspapers and an undisclosed amount of money.

Immediately he alighted, he called the Lagos State Police Commissioner, Prince Umar Manko, who mobilised policemen from Pen Cinema, Alausa and Ikeja police stations to trail the robbers.

As at press time, the car was yet to be found.

Kidnappers of Anambra monarch demand N100m ransom

ALPHNOSUS NWEZE

THE kidnappers of the Traditional ruler of Ukpo, Dunukofia local government of Anambra State Igwe Robert Eze has opened discussion with families of the Monarch.

A source close to the family who pleaded anonymity said that the kidnappers of the younger brother of Anambra multi-millionaire, Chief Authur Eze is asking for N100m ransom.

The source however said that the family is still negotiating with the kidnappers over GSM Phone on how to reduce the ransom but the kidnappers are said to

have stuck to their gun.

The Anambra State Police Command when contacted said they were not aware of the negotiation between the Igwe's family and the kidnappers, but stated that they are working round the clock to secure the release of the monarch.

Igwe Eze was abducted Sunday morning in front of his palace by a group of gun-trotting men after return from a church service.

Eyewitness said the kidnappers armed with sophisticated rifles shot indiscriminating to scare people away before they abducted the traditional ruler.

•AIG Muktari Ibrahim inspecting the damage at his office in Sokoto after a bomb blast yesterday.
Photo: NAN



Cult clash claims 7 in

DENNIS NAKU,
Port Harcourt

NO fewer than seven persons, including two siblings were reportedly killed in a suspected cult clash at Ozuboko, Abuloma

area of Port Harcourt, Rivers state capital, weekend.

It was learnt that some the attackers who were in convey of three cars traced a Toyota Camry which the two brothers were driving in to a junction, where they rushed

out of their cars, chatted briefly the driver, before raining bullets on the two brothers.

Eyewitnesses said that the two brothers died on the spot, while a little boy who was at the back seat of

the car was left unhurt by the assailants who zoomed off in their waiting cars to an unknown destination. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Some of the eyewitness



Campaign for democracy (CD) members protesting on Atani Road, Ogbaru IG, Anambra, on Monday over a house-help, who was wounded with an electric pressing iron by her madam for an alleged offence.



Lagos police arrest driver with 30 ATM cards

THE Lagos State Police Command on Monday said it had arrested a driver for allegedly cashing N633,000 with 30 Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) cards found in his possession.

Lagos State Commissioner of Police (CP) Umar Manko told newsmen that 18 other suspected armed robbers were also arrested in different parts of the metropolis.

He said that the driver, who claimed to work with Zenith Assurance, was arrested in Ogba area of Lagos while using the ATM cards to cash money from a branch of Guaranty Trust Bank.

The CP said that members of the public who suspected foul play informed the police who made the arrest.

"The suspect was using the ATM cards to withdraw some money. Other customers who saw him using the cards and suspected that he must have stolen them tipped the police."

"He had succeeded in cashing about N633,000 with the cards before he was arrested."

"The suspect claimed to be a money lender and disclosed that the cards in his possession belonged to those who borrowed from him and deposited them as collateral," Manko said.

He said that 18 other suspected criminals were arrested, while cars, Indian hemp, laptops, passports, mobile phones and arms and ammunition were recovered from them.

The commissioner said that 12 of the suspects were arrested in Odogunyan, near Ikorodu, and five assorted cars, three single barrelled locally-made shot guns and 24 live cartridges were recovered from them.

Manko explained that some of the suspects were armourers, arm dealers and receivers of stolen items.

He said that the suspects snatched cars from motorists in Lagos and sell to buyers in Ogun.

Port Harcourt

said that the killing of the two brothers could be a reprisal attack, following a similar incident that took place a fortnight ago in which about five persons were shot and killed in the same room in Abuloma, even as many sustained injuries while fleeing from danger.

The sound of the gunshots shattered the serenity of the area, as residents ran for their dear lives, to avoid being hit by a stray bullet.

Meanwhile, men of the State Police command yesterday foiled an armed robbery attempt at the Ozuboko estate, Abuloma, even as one of the suspects was arrested by the policemen who stormed the area after they got a distressed call from residents.

Checks available to Daily Champion has it that the criminals had attempted to break into a supermarket in the estate at about 3am, after they broke the outside ceilings to gain access to the supermarket, but were hindered by a burglary proof from the inside.

A witness said who pleaded anonymity said, "One of the thieves was found in the toilet, but not for the intervention of the police team, "they would have succeeded in robbing

the supermarket."

"At about 9:45pm, we heard some gunshots and when we got there later, two people in a Camry car were found dead in a pool of their own blood. I don't know what could have been the cause of that incident."

"But, two weeks ago, five people were killed in room.

I think it was a reprisal attack. Police is investigating the matter and I believe they will get to the root of this incident," he said.

Spokesperson of the State Police Command, Ben Ugwuogbulam could not be reached for confirmation as his mobile phone was switched off at the time of filing this report.

Magistrate remands woman for battering maid

ALPHONSUS NWEZE

AN Atani Chief Magistrate presided over by Ogbaru LGA presided over by Chief Magistrate, Mrs E.G. Offor, has remanded a mother of four, Mrs. Ifechukwu Obi, in Onitsha prisons for allegedly battering her maid with hot Pressing Iron.

Earlier, the police prosecutor, Mr Boniface Ugo, told the court that on 25 July, 2012; Mrs Obi allegedly used an electronic pressing iron on the two buttocks of her house-help, Miss Chinenye Emeka (13); thereby inflicting bodily and mental harm on her.

Ugo said the state was prosecuting Obi on a three-count charge, which

included: felony, assault and neglect of guardian responsibility.

While tendering the picture of the wounded girl to the court, he said "the offence is a bail-able one but the court should make the bail stringent for her to learn her lessons."

The accused, Mrs Obi, however, pleaded not guilty of the offences; adding: "I did it out of annoyance and it was not intentional."

Mr Udoka Anugwu, a human right lawyer, said justice must be done by remanding the woman since she had not shown any remorse for her action.

"Chinenye has been in the hospital without proper care and she needs blood. As I am

speaking, the human right community members here had been looking for her relatives, Anugwu said.

However, while perusing the pictures, the magistrate was startled and ordered the court clerk to take the picture round so that lawyers in the court could see.

In her ruling, Offor said the court was remanding Obi in Onitsha prisons; while scolding the husband of the woman for not performing his duty as the head of the home.

She condemned the woman's action in strong terms; adding that the act was against motherhood, especially one that had her own children through nine months of pregnancy.