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## Robbers kill vigilante chief in Onitsha raid

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A gang of armed robbers swooped on a petrol station yesterday morning in Onitsha, Anambra State and killed three persons and a top vigilante guard and took away goods and cash estimated at over N1.5million. A witness said the incident occurred between 2.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. when the robbers attacked the Total Filling Station located along Awka Road, Onitsha and made away with some drums containing engine oil estimated at about N700,000 and broke into the company's vault and took about N800,000 and escaped.

The witness said the bandits arrived the scene of the incident in two buses and parked outside the petrol station before going inside to carry out their activities.

He further said that the robbers over-powered the security operatives at the station when they wanted to confront them by demanding their identities and tied them to an electric pole at the station, shot one of them dead before carting away the drums of engine oil and the cash inside the safe.

Another eye-witness told our correspondent that the robbers also broke into the manager's office where they found the safe, broke into it with a special instrument and allegedly took all the money there which was estimated by the owners at N800,000.

The Onitsha Police Area Commander, Larry Osita, who confirmed the incident said the police were working round the clock to fish out the hoodlums.

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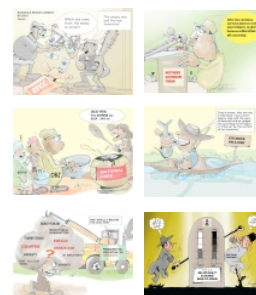
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












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