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## CITY NEWS

# Robbers storm church, kill one, injure 2

By Ogechi Ohalee

Suspected armed robbers, on Monday invaded Solid Mountain Prayer Ministry, Aco along Airport Road, Abuja, where they killed one member and injured two others.

A police source said on Monday, one Pastor Victor Ajibishe of Solid Mountain Prayer Ministry, reported at a police station in Iddo that while they were having a night vigil in their church, some armed men invaded the building.

According to the source, the pastor said the armed robbers broke the window of the secretary's office and entered the church.

The source quoted the pastor's report as saying, "the armed robbers who used a pistol to shoot sporadically, injured three people while two were treated and discharged, the last person could not make it as he was confirmed dead at the hospital as a result of the serious gun shot injuries he sustained."

According to the source,

immediately the case was reported to the police station, FCT police control room was radioed and police officers moved to the scene.

"The whole area was cordoned off and a manhunt was launched. Three of the suspected armed robbers were arrested," the source further hinted.

FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, confirmed the incident, saying policemen went to the scene immediately and arrested the

suspected armed robbers.

The FCT police spokesperson said the three suspects are from Gora village in Nassarawa State.

"Upon interrogation, two of the arrested suspects confessed to the crime. Items stolen from the church include the sum of N500,000 while items recovered from them include cutlass, long stick and charms," she said.

She also stated that the complainant equally identified the suspects as those that robbed them, adding that investigation into the case is ongoing.

### Reps tasks FCT minister on satellite towns development

By Abbas Jimoh &amp; Musa Abdullahi Krishi

The House of Representatives Wednesday challenged the Minister of State for FCT, Oloye Olajumoke Akinjide, on the urgent need to embark on accelerated development of the several satellite towns in the territory.

Chairman House Committee on FCT, Rep. Emmanuel Jime, gave the charge in Abuja when Akinjide appeared before the committee.

Jime, who said the call became imperative in view of large population of residents living in such areas, added that the FCT administration should not neglect building of infra-

## Family of 3 escapes as car plunges into ditch