

■ Mexican Ambassador to Nigeria Marcio Antonio Garcia Blanco (left) and the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Human Rights Commission, Bem Angwe, during a training in Abuja yesterday.

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Suspected killers of security guard arrested in Kebbi

From Garba Muhammad, Birnin Kebbi

Kebbi State Commissioner of Police Sylvester Umeh has confirmed the arrest of eight people suspected to have killed a security guard in Birnin Kebbi.

About one month ago, it was reported that a security operative was killed by suspected armed robbers who invaded the shop he was guarding and carted away unspecified amount of money and some items.

Umeh, while briefing newsmen yesterday, said with the assistance of the vigilante group, his command was able to arrest eight people that were involved in the incident which took place at Shekara shopping complex, Gwandagwaji.

"I have directed chairmen of all the 21 local government councils to organize community police force in order to curb the high rate of crime and to assist the command with information. When I assumed office in the state, I received reports from Zuru and Koko Besse

Local Government Areas that armed robbers are fond of attacking fuel stations, so I gave order to Divisional Police Officers of the areas to be vigilant. I also asked the council chairmen to organize community police in order to assist us with privileged information. This was done, and we were able to reduce crime in those areas," he said.

He added that among the eight robbers was a member of a vigilante group in the state. The commissioner assured people of the state of their safety.

Kano to embark on registration of residents