

Again, robbers strike at Kuje community

...drivers call for 24-hour police patrol

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Barely a week after suspected armed robbers killed a driver and shot a Customs officer at Ukya village, along Toto road in Kuje Area Council, another armed gang has again attacked motorists at the same village and dispossessed travelers of money and other valuables.

A driver, who pleaded anonymity, said he was conveying passengers in his Volkswagen Golf car from Abaji to Toto at about 7:13am when they ran into the suspected robbers, who were eight in number, wielding AK-47 rifles.

He said he was negotiating a bend leading to Ukya village when the suspected robbers suddenly emerged from the bush and flagged his vehicle down, commanding all his passengers to come out and lie face down.

The driver alleged that the suspected robbers collected money from him and the passengers.

City News gathered that robbery incidents take place about three times daily at the same spot, during which travelers including those coming from the eastern part of the country are deprived of their belongings.

Meanwhile, some motorists who spoke with our reporter, lamented that the incessant robbery attacks along Ukya-Toto road which is on the boundary between the FCT and Nasarawa State has become a source of worry and appealed to the police in the area to liaise with those in Toto Local Government Area of Nasarawa State for a 24-hour joint patrol.

Efforts to reach the Rubochi Divisional Police Officer were not successful, but a police officer at the station, confirmed the attacks.

He said the police have started combing the area to locate the suspected robbers' hide-out.