

## Vigilance group disarms robbers in Kogi

**A** VIGILANCE group in Ankpa community of Kogi State at the weekend disarmed a gang of robbers who had attempted to attack the Ankpa Local Council Chairman, Alhaji Yusufu Omale. The group handed over the body of a slain member of the gang to the police.

Hundreds of residents of the town trooped out at the weekend to catch a glimpse of the body of the suspected armed robber, which was driven to the police station along with another member of the gang

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arrested in the foiled robbery attempt.

It was learnt from a reliable police source that this gang of robbers who had earlier invaded and robbed Ajobe and Okaba communities in the area were fleeing the residence of the chairman when the vigilance group fired at them, killing one and arresting another.

The source said that the robbers got a hint that the chairman was scheduled to move in

some huge amount of money and planted one of their members in the area with a mobile phone to monitor the movement of the chairman and report back.

But information leaked to the chairman who alerted the vigilance group and an ambush was laid.

As planned, the chairman came in and the robbers swooped on him playing into the hands of the waiting vigilance group but beat a retreat when they discovered the trap only to have one of them killed and another arrested.

Shortly before this incident, residents told agency report that the home of a director in the state ministry of health, Dr. Celsti Ejeh was

raided by robbers and carted away valuables amounting to several thousands of naira.

Kogi Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ambrose Igbokwe, who confirmed the story said that many of the robbers escaped with bullet wounds, adding that the arrested suspect had so far co-operated and was helping the police.

Igbokwe said that the matter was being investigated and expressed hope that with the suspect, other members of the gang would be apprehended.

Prior to this development, residents of Ankpa and its environs had been under siege living in fear for their lives and property.

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