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Three killed as robbers attack Kogi community

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EGBE, the commercial hub of Yagba West Local Council of Kogi State, yesterday, came under heavy attack by armed gangs believed to be bank robbers.

What sounded like fired grenades and other explosives pervaded the town nonstop.

Although details of the attack were sketchy at press time, sources, however, said sound of gunshots started from 3:20p.m. and lasted about two hours. The Guardian learnt that the immediate target areas were Egbe police station and some banks in the town.

The robbers were said to have marked the police station as their first target before moving to the banks.

An eyewitness said the attack extended to neighbouring Odo-Ere, headquarters of Yagba West Local Council, about three kilometres drive from Egbe, where another bank was attacked and a police man shot.

In the ensuing pandemonium, two people were shot dead, including a security guard attached to a new generation bank, simply identified as Taiye.

Also, a little girl was killed by stray bullets from the sporadic gunshots. The fate of some suspects locked up in-



Tate, bank guard fell by robbers' bullets in Kogi, yesterday

side police cells at Egbe was still unknown when the police station came under attack from the armed gang.

At press time, there was news of counter response by security agents.

MEANWHILE, Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Idrisu Dauda Dabban yesterday, confirmed the abduction of the mother of Abdulkarim Jamiu Asuku, the Chief of Staff (CoS) to Governor Yahaya Bello.

Unknown gunmen had on Monday evening abducted Mrs. Seriya Raji, the mother of Asuku, at her residence in

Adavi Local Council of the state.

A source and resident of Inese/Ovakere new layout in Nagazi community, in Adavi Council, said the gunmen stormed her residence at about 7:40p.m. shortly after she had observed her evening (Ishai) prayer in her mosque within the compound.

The source said the assailants were six in number and dressed in black suits with masks carrying a sac (Ghana Must Go bag), suspected to be housing their guns and other dangerous weapons.

He said they entered her house through the mosque and whisked her away to yet to be identified destination, using the car they brought to her house.

At the time of filing this report, the abductors were yet to contact the victim's family members.

Contacted, Kogi State Commissioner of Police, Mr Arungwa Nwazue, confirmed the incident, stressing that his men have combed the entire central senatorial district and border towns in Edo with a view to rescuing the victim.

The Commissioner assured that the Command will not rest until the abductors are apprehended and the victim rescued unhurt.

He charged all the Divisional Police Officers to be proactive in the search and rescue operation.