

Guard killed as robbers attack Delta hospital

• Businessman murdered in Gusau

ROBBERS have continued their attacks on hospitals in Delta State. They stormed the Oleh General Hospital in Isoko South Local Government Area on Monday.

A security guard was killed. Another is on the danger list at the hospital after the midnight operation. The rifle of the guard was taken away by the robbers.

The incident, which left patients and workers in trauma, was the second in three months.

A night guard, identified as Mr. Friday Ideke, was killed by the 12-member

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robbery gang, while his counterpart was seriously injured.

Reports from the community indicated that the gang stormed the hospital after scaling the perimeter fence.

Patients were dispossessed of their valuables by the robbers, who also stole huge sums of money and equipment from the hospital.

The gang stormed the complex at about 2am on Sunday night and operated

unhindered for several hours.

The deceased, eyewitnesses said, was employed by the hospital's management following a similar incident earlier in the year.

The management was compelled to employ security guards following the first robbery that forced workers to turn down night duties.

The police spokesperson, Olabisi Okuwobi, could not be reached for comments as of press time.

A source at the Oleh Police Division, who said he

was incompetent to comment, confirmed the incident.

Gusau, the Zamfara State capital was thrown into confusion last weekend following the assassination of a businessman, Alhaji Salisu Rabi'u in his residence.

Family sources informed *The Nation* that Rabi'u, 41, was murdered at about 3am on Friday by three youths.

He was allegedly killed by one of the youths believed to be in love with a young woman whom Rabi'u married as his second

wife.

The late Rabi'u offered some money and even a new motorcycle, but they rejected it, saying they were sent to kill him and not to collect money from him.

At the police headquarters in Gusau, the command's spokesman, ASP Lawal Abdullahi, confirmed the incident, adding that the killing took place 15 minutes after the arrival of the team of police led by the DPO.

According to him, a sharp knife was discovered at the scene.

A suspect has been arrested.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Saleh Abubakar Ningi, has ordered that the case be transferred to CID anti-homicide section without delay.

