

Robbers kill ex-Ekiti deputy speaker's guard

A NIGHTGUARD to the former deputy speaker of the Ekiti State House of Assembly was stabbed to death in the early hours of yesterday by armed robbers.

Anthony Akpan kept watch over Karounwi Hostel which is owned by Mr. Oladapo Karounwi, the former deputy speaker.

Akpan, who hailed from Akwa Ibom State, worked for Samchase Nigeria Limited, a construction company belonging to the ailing controversial Ibadan politician, Alhaji Lamidi Adedibu.

Akpan, who took refuge in one of the shops in the complex, was macheted while his hands were tied

From Odunayo Ogunmola, Ado-Ekiti

behind him.

Narrating the ordeal of the occupants of the building to reporters at the scene in Ado-Ekiti yesterday, Mr David Temidayo said the armed robbers stormed the place at 12.30am.

He said: "The unfortunate incident happened around 12.30 am and I was inside when I started hearing loud bangs on our doors with the robbers breaking louvres and asking for money and handsets.

"They beat everybody to a pulp. They were six young boys. One of them held a gun and the rest

sharp objects. The one holding gun used the butt to hit many of us, with an occupant's head broken.

"We came out to check the nightguard at about 2.00 am after the robbers had left and we were shocked to see a pool of blood outside the shop. This raised our fears that he might have been murdered with his corpse dumped inside the shop which they firmly locked."

Temidayo also revealed that one of the occupants of the house was robbed of N100,000 at gunpoint when the robbers were ransacking the rooms, noting that policemen arrived the scene some minutes past

2.00 am after the night marauders had gone.

Residents of Irona Quarters of Ado-Ekiti also witnessed a gory incident at the weekend when a woman, who was a beer vendor, was killed by a dealer in auto spare parts after an argument.

The woman was said to have been beaten to death by thugs believed to have been sponsored by the spare parts dealer. The deceased left behind two little children.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of the state command, Mr Lateef Junaid confirmed the two incidents, saying the command is aware of the

Ilawe Road robbery incident but had not received details at press time.

On the Irona killing, the police chief who spoke in the absence of the Commissioner of Police, Mr Abayomi Onashile said those arrested in connection with the murder of the beer seller had been detained for the alleged homicide. He said they would be charged to court at the conclusion of investigation.

He urged residents not to panic over last week's upsurge in armed robbery which led to attacks on Hossana Hotel, Lovely Hotel and an attempted robbery at Danke, a popular eatery in Ado-Ekiti.