

## NEWS

# Police kill suspected armed robbers in Calabar

### • Mob burn another suspect

**T**HE anti-crime patrol of the Federal Housing Police Station in Calabar yesterday gunned down a suspected armed robber after a shoot out yesterday morning.

The unidentified robber, according to the police, was part of a five-man gang, which robbed a warehouse in

From Nicholas Kalu, Calabar the area.

Police Public Relations Officer Hogan Bassey said: "At 2am, we received a distress call about eight miles that armed robbers were operating at a warehouse. So, we responded immediately and met them on operation. Sighting the police van, they fired

shots and there was a shoot-out. The robbers were five and one of them was hit by a bullet. The other four escaped and the one that was shot ran some distance before he was caught. He had a locally made pistol and a bag containing four cartridge. He died eventually."

A Toyota 4runner Sports Utility Vehicle, which they had stolen early that morning from a lady was recovered.

Also recovered was a Plasma TV set which they stole from the woman. Another locally made pistol, an iron cutter and two cut padlocks were also recovered

from them.

Similarly, a suspected member of the Skolombo Boys, a new gang of criminals terrorising the city was burnt to death by angry residents on Abua Street in Calabar South.

It was gathered he was part of a group that went to rob in the area but residents mobilised and attacked them. The rest of the gang escaped but the boy was caught and burnt to death.

Reacting to the development, Bassey begged residents not to take laws into their hands.

"People should not take laws into their hands. They should apprehend such criminals and call the police immediately. We are battle ready.

"Such criminals can give us useful information that would lead to a lasting solution to the problem. Two wrongs cannot make a right," the PPRO said.

## Why Peterside is good for Ogoni, Rivers, by Magnus Abe

**S**ENATOR Magnus Abe, who represents Rivers South East Senatorial District, has said the governorship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC)

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