

News

POLICE has killed a suspected armed robber and injured three others who were attempting to rob a Pepsi Cola Depot in Gwagwalada town on Friday.

Speaking to newsmen on Sunday, the Divisional Police

POLICE KILL SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBER IN GWAGWALADA

Officer in Gwagwalada, Suleiman Abutu, said the rob-

ber was killed while trying to escape.

He said a gang of four suspected armed robbers arrived

the company premises by 2 p.m on Friday in a Toyota Starlet car with registration number Lagos, DL 194-AAA and attacked the security men at the gate.

"My men were alerted and rushed to the depot where we shot one to death and three ran away," he said.

Abutu said the police chased them up to a village called, 'Yal'wala along Dobi road where the car was found abandoned.

"The police recovered two pistol and five cartridge of bullets and a car," he said.

The DPO said his men were working to arrest the increase in armed robberies in the area and urged people to cooperate

with police.

Meanwhile, residents of Gwagwalada have continued to express their displeasure over the incessant armed robbery attacks in the area.

Mallam Abubakar Usman, a business man, said people were tired of the rampant armed robbery in Gwagwalada and called on the government to come to their rescue.

Mrs. Margaret Omo, a university lecturer, said it was sad that "we experience armed robbery operations every week in Gwagwalada town, something has to be done".

NAN reports that no fewer than ten houses were robbed within the last two weeks in Gwagwalada town.

Nigerians devise new ways of spraying

Naira notes

NIGERIANS are beginning to modify the traditional ways of spraying the naira during ceremonies as some people now dropped the currency notes inside a waiting bowl at parties.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that most of the guests at a wedding reception in Kaduna at the weekend sprayed the naira into a waiting bowl as they danced, while a few still sprayed on the couple.

Some ushers were, however, on hand to gather the notes from the floor and throw them into the bowl.

Spraying of the naira has become the highlight of many ceremonies, like weddings, naming and burials, but the notes get defaced as many trample on them while dancing.

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has warned that spraying of the naira during ceremonies leads to tearing and defacing, reducing the span of the currency in circulation.

"I am not ready to face any trouble from the CBN so put your money in a bowl as you dance," a Master of Ceremony, MC Sharp Sharp, said at the wedding reception.

Sharp-Sharp, who anchored

the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. George Amadi, at the Space 2000 garden in Kaduna, said it was wrong to defy the CBN warning.

NAN reports that the spraying of the naira has become a way of showing solidarity and some people take it further by spraying foreign currencies for celebrants to dance on.

The wedding was attended by the Special Adviser to President Umaru Yar' Adua of the MDG's and a Permanent Secretary in the Presidency, Mrs. Esther Gunda.

Katsina:

Senator donates N1m to fire disaster victims