

It urged these appointees to reciprocate the gesture by doubling their efforts in "assisting the focused and visionary governor to achieve his desired goals".

On security, the club condemned the perpetrators of crimes

saying they should allow peace to reign in the State. "We should all cultivate the culture of mutual co-existence so as take the state to the next level", the club advised.

NGO commends Yakowa over appointments.

Police kill 2 robbery suspects in Okene

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MEN of the Kogi State Police Command gunned down two suspected armed robbers operating in police uniform in Okene Local Government of the state and its environs.

The command police public relation officer (PPRO), Asp Summi Ajayi disclosed this while parading the corpses of the robbers before newsmen in Lokoja, Capital of Kogi state, saying that the police were able to detect the hideout of the criminals following a tip off by concerned members of the public.

According to him, acting on the information detectives from the

command stormed their hideout who, on sighting the police engaged them in a gun battle which lasted for thirty minutes.

He however added that at the end of the day two of the armed robbers were gunned down.

He added that the rest of the gang escaped into the surrounding bush with various degree of bullet wounds, stressing that detectives are now combing the surrounding bushes in anticipation of possible arrest.

The police spokesman explained that the notorious gang was the one responsible for series of armed robbery operations in Okene and other parts of the central senatorial district of the state.

Equally, Ajayi added that a lot of police men have been killed in the course of duty by the same gang who dispossessed the police of their service rifles, saying "we thank God that today the long arms of the law have now caught up with them and I am bold to say that the command will make the state to be hell for any criminal who thought they can operate freely in the state".

He appealed to members of the public to give useful information to the police in order to apprehend these criminals living within our environment, adding "security should be the responsibility of every body and the police use information to work in order to rid the society of criminals who are not ghosts but they are people that live within our environment.

Items recovered from the armed robbers include police uniforms, three revolver pistols, live catrriges, cutlasses and assorted charms.

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stage as one of the founding fathers of the PDP. In deed, Nigeria has lost a veteran, a political war horse!

"We send our heartfelt condolences to the entire Ume-Ezeoke family, the All Nigeria Peoples Party as well as the government and people of Anambra State on the demise of this statesman" the statement said.

It then prayed for the repose of Ezeoke's soul.