

## Armed robbers kill 5 vigilance group members in Ogun

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**R**OBBERS numbering about 20, in the early hours of Saturday, killed five members of the Ogun State Vigilance Service, at a petrol station in Onihale area in Ifo axis of the state.

The gang, *Sunday Tribune* learnt, invaded the petrol station premises in an unregistered vehicle at about 2 a.m. and caught the victims who were said to be providing security for the station unawares.

It was learnt that the gang were reported to be specialists in robbing financial and other allied institutions, as

### We'll flush out terrorists, Ihejirika vows

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THE Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt. Gen. Azubuike Ihejirika, has promised that terrorists operating in the northern parts of the country in the name of Boko Haram, will be flushed out in no distant time.

they were said to have engaged men of the State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in a gun duel while the operation lasted.

The identity of three of the victims were unknown at the time of filing this report, while the remains of two victims identified as Nurudeen Kasali and one Akeem, were committed to mother earth on Saturday afternoon, in the area.

The Ogun State Police

Command's Public Relations Officer, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident, but said that only two people were killed.

Adejobi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said that the robbers operated with sophisticated weapons, adding that some of the robbers escaped with gunshot injuries, as they were engaged by the police.

The PPRO said the robbers abandoned the vehicle and items such as one pump action

gun, two double barrel guns, one *phoenix* pistol, five empty magazines of AK 47 rifle, a sledge hammer as well as three cars.

He added that 250 expended shell of AK 47 rifle were recovered from the robbery scene, just as the command made passionate appeal to all orthodox and traditional medical practitioners to report to the police in case anyone approached them to treat gunshot wounds.

## Fashola condoles with Tinubu over mum's death

LAGOS State governor, Mr. Babatunde Fashola (SAN), at the weekend, paid a condolence visit on Senator Bola Ahmed Tinubu, his immediate predecessor and son of Alhaja (Chief) Abibatu Mogaji, who passed on recently in Lagos, describing the late *Iyaloja*-General of Nigeria Market Men and Women as a tower of strength for all who had the privi-

lege to be close to her.

Fielding questions from newsmen after the visit at the Ikoyi residence of the National Leader of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN), Governor Fashola said *Mama* Mogaji was also faithful and just to all who sought to make Lagos their home.

"All of us who have had the privilege of *Mama* being part of our lives understand the different ways she has touched us. She's a mother to all of us, biological and non-biological. She was a tower of strength. She was faithful to all who sought to be part of the Lagos larger family", the Governor said.

Describing the effect of the news of her death on him, Governor Fashola, who just returned from Brazil, declared that "it was a big blow in the sense that I had just left Lagos and landed in Brazil only to receive the news that she passed away four hours after I left Lagos. It was a bombshell".

He continued: "She loved ceaselessly, she gave selflessly and she was religious."

