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### Armed robbers stormed Bwari Area Council Secretariat

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Six suspected armed robbers who attacked and robbed the chairman, Bwari Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory, last Monday again broke into six offices of the area council on Wednesday, tied up some of the security men and locked them in a room.

The council chairman, Dara Bwari was not at home when the robbers visited his house, and after two days, they invaded the council secretariat at 2:30 am.

Reports reaching Nigerian Newsday said that the robbers made away with a lap-top computer, N200,000 cash and other valuables from the chairman's residence.

The chairman said his wife, children and other people in his house were held at gun point for the period the robbery lasted. He also disclosed that the robbers destroyed the council's cash office, tax office and the office of head of administration. He also said that his office and that of the vice chairman were ransacked, while the council's Fadama Project office was destroyed.

One of the suspects was shot dead by the police at the secretariat, while three others arrested had bullet wounds, and four others escaped with bullet wounds.

The FCT police command PPRO, Mr. Elisha Atikinkpan, explained the robbers locked the security guards at the secretariat in one of the offices on gaining entrance through the back fence by cutting the security wire.

He explained that two of the guards who managed to escape alerted the Bwari Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Sabiu Rabi, who mobilized his men to the secretariat.

The DPO who sustained bullet wounds during the gun battle with the robbers is at the moment hospitalized. Some of the items discovered from the suspects include two long screw drivers, one big iron cutter, one saw, some iron rods and two cutlasses.

The Police Area Commander in Kubwa, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ray Adeh, told the Nigerian Newsday that efforts were being made to arrest the other suspects who escaped.

One of the injured suspected robbers, Kingsley Okechukwu, said he was a barber in Lagos before being invited to take part in the robbery.

He said Okechukwu Eze held the divisional police officer (DPO) on the neck and that the robber that escapes the police arrest is the person that shot the DPO, since he was the only person with a gun. Meanwhile the two other suspects have been arrested including the gang leader whose name was given simple as Emeka.

Police sources say three of the robbers died of bullet wounds while other two are in police custody. However the driver of the vehicle used by the armed robbers has been released because he did not know that the passengers that chattered his vehicle were armed robbers.

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