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Mudiaga Affe,
Calabar

A security man, Joseph Ogbor, attached to Tonimas Filling Station along Okuku Road in Ogoja, Cross River State, has killed an armed robber with a gun brought by the bandit to raid the station.

Manager of the station, who identified himself simply as Sunny, said some robbers came in at about 2am last Friday, armed with machetes and guns to cart away "the money we made."

Sunny, who spoke with our correspondent on Monday, said, "When they got here our security man confronted them and they got angry and descended on him. He had fractures on his right leg and skull."

He further explained that after the beating, the robbers thought the



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'Beggars' arrest will end social nuisance'

Sodiq Oyeleke

A socio-political pressure organisation, Coalition of Oodua Self

Determination Group, says efforts by the Lagos State Government to stop street begging will end "social nuisance" in

the state.

The government had arrested and later prosecuted no fewer than 39 beggars in its

Special Offences Court in Alausa, Ikeja, for soliciting alms.

The group, in a statement by its Chairman, Dayo Ogunlana and secretary Razaq Olokobe, said the development was good, adding that beggars were constituting nuisance to the state,

It urged street beggars in the state to desist from the act to avoid further arrests.

The statement said, "Why should people constitute nuisance to the society simply because the government has been lenient and accommodating to all?"

"Anybody, who finds it difficult to obey law and order by following due process in doing things according to the dictate of the mega city as obtainable globally

should excuse us.

Fashola's administration should be commended for its efforts at making life worth its while in the state."

Community leader, bricklayers in court over LG land

Tunde Odesola, Osogbo

A community leader in Owode-Ede, Alhaji Kazeem Ojewunmi, and four bricklayers have appeared before an Ede Magistrate's Court over a land purportedly owned by Ede North Local Government Council in Owode-Ede, Osun State.

The bricklayers are Wasiu Gbadebo (35), Mutiu Oladapo (35), Hammed Ojetade (27) and Omoniyi Alade (45).

The suspects were accused of conspiracy, trespass and forcible entry on the disputed land.

According to the charge sheet obtained by our correspondent on Tuesday, the accused persons conducted themselves in a manner likely to cause breach of peace by forcibly entering the disputed land.

The accused persons, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

When the suspects were arraigned on February

7, 2013, they had no lawyer to represent them.

The presiding Magistrate, Mr. F.I. Olusade, ordered them to be remanded in prison.

However, when the case came up on Tuesday, the suspects were released on bail following the plea of the defence counsel, Mrs. Teju Kolawole.

Kolawole informed the court that a suit had been instituted at a High Court in Ede against Ede North Local Government by Areja and Ayope families, who claimed to be legal owners of the disputed land.

She pleaded with the court to release the accused persons on bail, saying the allegations against them were bailable.

Police prosecutor, Kayode Asanbe, did not oppose the bail application.

The suspects were however released on bail in a sum of N200, 000 and one surety each in like sum.

The case was adjourned until March 23, 2013.

Housewife's

Segun Olutunji

The Ogun State Police Command has ordered an autopsy on a 30-year-old housewife, Toyin Adeboye, whose death in Abeokuta, Ogun State led to the arrest of her husband, Dare.

Dare has also been transferred from the Ibar Police Division where he was initially detained to the Criminal Investigation Department, Eleweeran for further investigations.

The family of the deceased had insisted Dare was a prime suspect in the death of the mother of two.

The family was said to have invited the police which subsequently arrested Dare on Monday.