

Gunmen kill two policemen in Bayelsa

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UNKNOWN gunmen on Friday night shot at two policemen guarding Udem Hotels along DSP Alamiyeseigha Road in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, killing one instantly and carting away their rifles.

However, the injured policeman is said to be receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

An eyewitness told reporters the gunmen, who drove into the hotel in a Toyota Camry, pretended to be customers.

The source said, "They turned at the car park and drove towards the gate where they opened fire on the policemen."

Also, at Amarata, a suburb of Yenagoa, gunmen, who stormed a popular supermarket in the area at about 7pm on Friday, killed a policeman.

The killing of the policeman at the supermarket created tension as shop owners in the area quickly closed for the day.

The incident caused gridlock around the Amarata area as motorists make a U-turn on Mbiama-Yenagoa road to avoid the roadblock quickly mounted by the police.

Eyewitness said the robbers numbering over seven robbed

the owner of the supermarket and customers after killing the policeman.

Spokesman for the police in the state, DSP Asinim Butswat, confirmed the incidents.

He said, "At about 2100 hours on March 15, unknown gunmen operating in a Toyota Camry went to a hotel at Opolo, Yenagoa, and without

provocation opened fire on the two policemen on duty.

"The policemen fired back at them and in the ensuing gun battle, one sergeant was fatally wounded. He was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre Yenagoa, where he was later confirmed dead. The other policeman is responding to treatment."

Siasia, Are laud Kobayashi

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A former coach of Nigeria's Super Eagles, Samson Siasia, has commended the philanthropic gesture of an investor and advisor, Kingsley Kobayashi, at the launch of Kobayashi Bitters.

Siasia, who played for Nigeria at age grade competitions and at the senior World Cup said at the launch of the product that Kobayashi was a philanthropist known in Nigeria, Japan and other parts of the world for assisting cancer patients and other needy.

While recommending the product to Nigerians, the former Super Eagles coach said he was sure that Kobayashi would use the proceeds from the bitters to further make life meaningful for the sick and others.

He said, "Let us support him so that those who are sick can be healed. I have tasted it and I know it is good and it is approved by the National Agency for Foods, Drug Administration and Control. Kobayashi believes so much in charity, I believe in charity also."

"You can only do sport if you are in good health, so this product is another way Kobayashi is helping humanity."

The Director, Grassroots Sports, National Sports Commission, Dr Ademola Are, and a former Super Eagle player, Waidi Akanni, lauded Kobayashi, saying the product would offer solutions to some ailments.

Kobayashi said the bitter was not alcohol based unlike some, stating that this made it okay for a wide range of people to take it.