

Mob lynches Benue robbery kingpin

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A suspected armed robber was, on Friday evening, killed by an angry mob in Gboko, Benue State.

According to an eyewitness, the suspect popular known as 'One Man Squad' was believed to be behind robberies in the town.

Sources said the robber specialised in robbing hawkers, business owners and politicians.

Governor Samuel Ortom said on Wednesday that efforts were on to apprehend criminals in the state including 'One Man Squad'.

An eyewitness, identified only as Terna, said 'One Man Squad' was caught as he attempted to rob a filling station in Gboko.

Terna said, "Immediately he stormed the station, he shot to the air to scare the people at the filling station. But unknown to him, some youths, who had been monitoring him, confronted him.

"He attempted to shoot the youth but he realised that he had run out of bullets. He took off but they chased him and beat him to death.

SUNDAY PUNCH learnt that the police had taken his corpse to the General Hospital, Gboko.

Spokeswoman for the police in the state, DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the development.

Anene said, "It was reported that when he heard that police were approaching as he was robbing, he took to his heels and was chased.

"He abandoned his rifle and ran into the crowd where he was lynched before the police could rescue him."

Niger police rescue kidn

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THE police in Niger State have rescued one Buba Umaru from suspected bandits who blocked the Sahorami-Makera road in the Mashegu Local Government Area of the state.

Spokesman for the force in the state, Muhammad Abubakar, who confirmed this to *SUNDAY PUNCH* in Minna on Saturday, said one of the bandits was killed during a gunfight.

Abubakar said Umaru, a truck driver from Billiri in Gombe State, was abducted on April 29.

It was learnt that his abductors took him to a nearby bush where police rescued