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command to the late Abiola Ebila, the leader of the deadly group that is known for causing violence in the city.

Ebila, who was reported to have been involved in kidnapping for ransom, was recently killed by the men of *Operation Burst* in his hideout.

Prior to his arrest, Eji was said to have assumed the leadership position of the group.

After his arrest, it was learnt that

The Police Public Relations Officer, Wasiu Abiodun, in a statement on Sunday, said this followed an exchange of gunfire between the police and members of the gang on September 17, 2020.

Abiodun said in the process, two of the suspected robbers sustained gunshot injuries and one of them died on the spot,

the other members of the gang have run out of the state for fear of being similarly nabbed.

Ajibola said, "*Operation Burst* has been able to reduce criminality in Oyo State; people now go about their business without fear. We have effected arrests in relation to cultism, Internet fraud and other crimes, and handed the suspects over to security agencies. The most high profiled among the criminal cases was that of Abiola Ebila." „

while the other died at the Lucas Clinic, Madalla, where he was taken to for treatment.

He added that a member of the gang, Haruna Mohammed of Gauraka, was apprehended at Zuba with gunshot wounds, was taken for treatment and confessed to being a member of the syndicate that had been making life unbearable for residents of Gwarinpa in Madalla.

Abiodun said items recovered from the robbers included two laptop computers and two plasma televisions.

The spokesman said the items were recovered from the suspects by police personnel attached to the 'C' Division, Madalla, who responded to a distress call.

Abiodun, who said the command had declared war against criminality in the state, added, "We are going to make

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life uncomfortable for criminals in Niger State."

## Ebonyi crash: Three

Edward Nnachi, Abakaliki

**T**HREE more corpses were, on Sunday, recovered from the river that a bus conveying 32 passengers, who were returning from a burial, plunged into on Friday.

The crash occurred in the Akaeze Ukwu community, Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

*PUNCH Metro* reports that the victims attended a funeral in the Afikpo South Local Government Area of the state and were on their way back to Enugu State, when the incident happened.

One of the three corpses recovered was identified as a retired police officer, CPS Livinus