



② End of the road for car snatchers

On October 8, 2024, the police killed three members of a five-man robbery gang terrorising the Onitsha metropolis and its environs.

According to a resident, Chinedu Adimora, the gang was infamous for vehicle snatching at gunpoint until men of the Anambra State Command smashed them.

He said the criminals met their Waterloo when they tried to ambush a vehicle at the Ibekwe junction by Ugwunakpamkpa, Inland Town, Onitsha, without realising that the occupants of the vehicle were police officers on patrol.

Adimora said, "The security operatives, who were patrolling the area, opened fire on them, killing three at the spot and capturing one alive, while one escaped with bullet wounds."

During interrogation, the surviving gang member, who is a resident of Kaduna Street, Fegge, Onitsha, said, "We had intended to snatch the vehicle, believing it belonged to a civilian.

"However, as soon as we moved to attack, the police officers responded with immediate force, taking out three of our gang members on the spot and collecting their guns."

The suspect, who is currently in police custody, confessed that the guns were supplied by a notorious cultist, who also received their stolen vehicles and other loot.

The Anambra solution

In recent times, Anambra State has become a theatre of criminal activities, including robbery and kidnapping for ransom.

According to Obed Okorie, a resident of Ihiala community, the