



Robbers invade filling station, kill guard, injure 2

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GUNMEN have killed a private security guard in Asaba, the capital of Delta State.

The incident, which occurred on Monday night at two filling stations close to the official residence of the state Commissioner of Police, also led to two people sustaining gunshot injuries.

The security guard, Jerry, was strangled and tied up in the toilet of the filling station he was guarding, with his face covered with a bag.

Two other guards in the nearby filling station were also tied but they survived.

The hoodlums succeeded in carting away over N1.2 million from the affected stations after they broke into their strong rooms.

A fuel attendant, who volunteered information on the condition of anonymity, said when they raised the alarm after discovering Jerry's corpse, their neighbours in the nearby filling station also shouted that they had been robbed.

"Our neighbour at the other station started shouting after discovering that two Hausa security guards were tied with rope but their faces were not covered.

"They broke our strong room and carried all the money we made during the weekend. We were also told that the other station was broken into," the source said.

The two Hausa guards were said to be receiving treatment at an unclosed hospital as at the time of filing this report.

A resident in that area, who also pleaded not to be named in print, said the hoodlums silently robbed the two filling stations without firing gunshots so as not to attract the security men at the commissioner's quarters.

"We were surprised to wake up this morning and found out that two filling stations were robbed and somebody was killed.

"We did not hear any sound of gun, because if they had fired any, it will attract security personnel. This is police barrack, and the police commissioner's house is a stone throw to the filling stations," he said.

Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Adeyinka Adeleke, confirmed the incident yesterday, saying that the victim was a security guard to the filling station.

Adeleke disclosed that over N1.2 million was stolen from the affected filling stations, noting that no arrest has been made yet.