

Karmo Residents Blame Upsurge in Criminality on Demolition

Following the demolition exercise in Karmo, there has been an upsurge in armed robbery, rape and criminal activities.

THISDAY recalls that the only two Police posts in Karmo were also demolished in the exercise which was effected by officials of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) late last year.

Though most of the houses in Karmo were demolished last year, some that have been left standing are still being occupied by some residents who claim they have nowhere to pack.

Unfortunately, they have been paying dearly for that decision.

According to Lola, "Every week, an average of three to four girls are raped by miscreants who operate under the cover of darkness. Infact, some three weeks ago, one lady was raped by a gang of bandits and left in her pool of blood. She did not make it to the hospital, she died because she lost so much blood."

Sources who would not want their names in print told Thisday in confidence ~~that there are incessant~~ cases of mugging, assault

and harassment by "area boys" who have suddenly discovered that they could ply their trade in Karmo because of low Police presence.

"We want to appeal to the Commissioner of Police, to help us and deploy more of his men to this area because we are suffering too much from the hands of these band-

lums. They collect money from us, beat us and rape our daughters and women. Before night falls, the streets are virtually empty because residents are really scared of these people. Even, we know some of them but there is nothing we can do because they are armed and we have nothing to defend ourselves"

It was also gathered that following the incessant attacks, dozens of the residents, especially women have moved out while some that have no where to go are just bracing the hurdles they face everyday.

"Government should come to our assistance, we are all Nigerians and we voted them into power", the source appealed