

Robbery Suspect Lynched, Another in Coma

Barely 24 hours after Commissioner of Police, Mamman Sule, assumed duties in Ilorin, one armed robbery suspect got lynched, while another was beaten to a state of coma by irate youths. Sule, told newsmen in Ilorin, yesterday, that the suspects met their nemesis in the early hours of Tuesday, after robbing a fishing company at Ita-

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Alamu. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that various items, including a double barrelled rifle, were recovered from them.

The suspects had at a gun point, instructed manager of the company to handover money in his possession to

them, but scores of youths in the area overpowered them before the police came in.

This is as Imo State Police Command has declared an eight-man gang of armed robbers/kidnappers wanted, in connection with series of armed robbery and kidnapping cases in the state and its environs. A statement issued by the Command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Linus Nwaiwu, said on June 9, 2009, based on a tip-off, a combined team of Crack Squad, State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), and Eagle Squad swung into action. He said, at about 1430hrs the following day, the detectives intercepted the gang along Egbu-Owerri Road, Owerri. after severe exchange of gun fire, one Augustine Ogbonna 'm' of Nkwelle in Awka South, and a 300 Level Law Student of Anambra State University, Igbariam Campus, was arrested and the sum of N2, 752, 500 cash, amongst other items, were recovered.

Gallup Polls Endorse Uduaghan's Strategy

in conjunction with Gallup Polls of the United States, revealed that majority of respondents preferred direct community efforts to other forms of intervention in resolving development challenges facing the region.

The report thus endorses the direct interventionist steps of the governor, especially through Delta State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (DESOPADEC) and Special Project Directors scheme, whereby supervision of government

projects are directly undertaken by community people. Under the DESOPADEC structure, 50 per cent of the 13 per cent derivation revenue accruing to the state is given to the Commission for direct intervention in the oil-bearing communities.

In his reaction, Commissioner for Information, Oma Djebah, said the result is a confirmation of Uduaghan's populist policies, noting that the state government was committed to uplifting living conditions of the people.