

# Police Shoot Protesting Youths in Kabba

The protracted demonstration in Kabba, Kogi State over the location of the Federal Government University, which entered its second day yesterday took a new dimension when Police officers drafted to quell the demonstration shot three of the

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From Shola Oyeyipo

in Lokoja

protesting youths.

Kogi State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr.

Okasanmi Ajayi, who confirmed that the situation was tense, assured that the police authority was doing everything possible to put the situation under control.

A source, who is a family member of one of the victims said the victims were quickly

rushed to Feyikemi, a private hospital in Kabba in the bid to save their lives.

Leader of the protesting youths, Mr. Ranti Alabi, while said the shooting of the boys was unnecessary and provocative, threatened that there would be a total breakdown of law and

order if the government does not reverse its decision on the location of the university.

He maintained that "notwithstanding police intimidation we

will not be compelled to stop the protests. The state government has provoked our anger, and we are ready to fight till the last drop of our blood."

## 2 Suspected Kidnappers Killed By Soldiers

The special military task-force in Abia code named "Operation Jubilee" has shot dead two suspected kidnappers in Abia.

It was gathered reports that one of those killed was a lieutenant of the late kidnap kingpin, Obioma Nwankwo.

The Assistant Public Relations Officer of the 82 Division of the Nigerian army, Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa, confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abia on Thursday.

He said the soldiers were on Tuesday informed of the incident at Osokwa, Osisioma Local Government Area of the state, and acted on the tip off. Musa said the kidnappers first opened fire on the soldiers while the suspects died when members of the task force responded. It was gathered that the suspects had on the day

of the incident kidnapped a lady and took her to their hide out in a forest in the council area.

The members of the task force were said to have gone after the kidnappers in the forest following a tip off by residents of the area.

Meanwhile, an Aba-based medical practitioner, Dr James Ezuma, has commended the soldiers for their bravery in foiling the latest kidnap attempt in Aba. Ezuma, who is the medical director of a private hospital, said crime had reduced in Aba since the soldiers arrived the state.

He urged residents to offer the soldiers useful information, saying this was the only way to eliminate kidnapping and other crimes in the state.

## Panic as Robbers Attack Banks

Devil robbers yesterday attacked two first generation banks in Okitipupa, the headquarters of Okitipupa Local Government council, destroying the electronic doors with dynamites just as a 13 year old girl was shot in the cross fire between the security personnel attached to the

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From James Sowole in Akure

Street, Okitipupa having pretended to be customers of the banks.

As at the time of filing this report, a source at Okitipupa



•L-R: Executive Director, Dave Foundation, Mrs. Meg Aipoh, Onitire of Itire, Oba Lateef Dauda, and Project Manager of the Foundation, Mrs. Dupe Onifade, during the Dave Enechukwu Foundation in collaboration with Health Alive Foundations Social Mobilisation on Community TB Care at the Onitire Palace, Lagos...yesterday

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