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Police Kill Robbery Suspect, Foil Attack on Bank

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Police Headquarters

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Enugu State Command of the Nigeria Police Force yesterday said it foiled an attempt by suspected armed robbers to rob a commercial bank at Ovoko in Igboeze South Local Government Area of the state late last week.

The disclosure also came on the heels of the killing of three persons and injuring of one other by suspected gunmen at Gidan Hamisu Gurgu relaxation spot at Gaida quarters of Kano Municipality at the weekend.

A statement made by the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Enugu Police Command, Ebere

Amaraizu, said one of the robbers was killed while a police officer, Sgt Ozievie Ayebabogna, was injured during the gun duel which ensued between the policemen who were on duty at the bank and the criminals.

Amaraizu, who disclosed that the injured policeman was responding to treatment at a nearby hospital, stated that the command had commenced investigations into the attempted robbery.

The statement added that the Commissioner of Police in the state, Musa Daura, had applauded the "gallantry of the police men on guard duty."

Meanwhile, an eyewitness said the gunmen had arrived on a motorbike, took position and opened fire sporadically on overcrowded spot mainly patronised by pokers, explaining that the incident occurred around 6p.m.

The gunmen attacked came barely an hour after the visiting Vice-President Namadi Sambo, left the city that witnessed unprecedented security presence in the streets.

According to the account the gunmen armed with assault rifles and were heard speaking fluent local dialect threatened to wipe off all those consciously transgressing against God in the city.

Eyewitness said: "My neighbour, Abdullahi was among the dead, two others I cannot identified after the violent attack lay dead while a man who sustained life threatening injury was being rushed to the hospital as many fled for safety.

Spokesman of the Police in the state, Deputy Superintendent of police (DSP), Rilwanu Mohammed Dutse, confirmed the shooting incident, adding that the command has commenced investigations.

He explains that "we learnt that three people were shot dead by unknown gunmen Saturday evening at Filin Kashu relaxation spot at Gaida, and that one other person sustained injury."

It could be recall that the bloody attack at a relaxation spot patronized by pokers brought to four number of such violence since the ancient city of Kano came under attack January 20.

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