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Armed men attack LG chairman's house, secretariate

• Monday, Sep 11, 2006

Eight suspected armed men attacked the residence of the chairman, Bwari Area Council in the FCT on Thursday carting off valuables.

Council chairman Isah Bwari was not at home when the robbers visited the house, and they proceeded to the council secretariat at around 2.30 a.m.

One of the suspects was shot dead by the police at the secretariat, three others arrested

had bullet wounds, while four others escaped with bullet wounds.

Parading the suspects, FCT Command's PRO, Mr Elisha Atikinkpan, said the robbers locked the security guards attached to the secretariate in one of the offices on gaining entry through the back fence by cutting the security wire.

He said that one of the guards who managed to escape alerted the Bwari Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr Sabiu Rabi, who mobilised his men to the secretariat.

Atikinkpan said that during a gun battle with the robbers, the DPO sustained a bullet wound and was hospitalised.

Conducting police officers and newsmen around the secretariate, the chairman said the robbers destroyed the council's cash office, tax office and the office of head of administration.

He said that items in his office and that of the vice-chairman were scattered, while the council's Fadama project office was destroyed.

Exhibits recovered from the suspects include two cutlasses, two long screw drivers, one big iron cutter, one saw and some iron rods.

The Area Commander in Kubwa, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr Ray Adeh, noted that efforts were being intensified to arrest the fleeing suspects.

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