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Robbers Raid Church, Kill 3 Pastors

Sylvester Idowu, Warri - 22.11.2008

Heavily armed robbers, in the early hours of Friday, raided Salem City, Warri, headquarters of God's Kingdom Society (GKS), killing four persons including three ministers of the church.

Saturday Tribune gathered that the robbers numbering about 20 raided the buildings inside the expansive compound demanding money and that they refused to yield to pleas that ministers of the church were not being paid.

Security sources disclosed that the robbers arrived the compound at about 2 a. m. shooting indiscriminately and robbing residents in the various blocks inside the compound.

In the process, two ministers of the church, a laity member of the church who came to spend the night as a guest in one of the blocks in the compound and a security guard were shot dead.

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It was further learnt that the wife of one of the senior ministers of the church sustained head injuries from the shrapnel that flew in different directions as the robbers were blasting the doors with their gun.

"Eight houses were raided and they eventually made away with all sorts of valuables including cash, handsets, jewelry and wrist watches. They left at about 4.15 a.m. through the fence at the back of the compound having cut the spiral wire that was used to secure the place", the security source added.

The Publicity Secretary, GKS, Mr. Benedict Hart confirmed the attack on the church by robbers while the Divisional Police Officer, "A" Division, Warri, Mr. Paddy Ogon said detectives are on the trail of the hoodlums.

Meanwhile, Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta State has called the President of GKS, Brother O. E. Aighalua to express his condolence and sympathy to the church over the incident.

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