

Kobani, Rivers commissioner escapes death

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THE commissioner for finance in Rivers State, Mr Kenneth Kobani yesterday escaped death by the whiskers when unknown gun men stormed his Port Harcourt residence. One of his security aides was, however, not lucky as he was reportedly killed by the assailants. Sources told

Sunday Vanguard that the gun men stormed Kobani's GRA residence in the early hours of yesterday demanding to see him.

When it dawned on the mobile policemen attached to him that the gun men were on a sinister mission they (mopol) reportedly opened fire. This triggered a gun battle between the security men and the assassins which finally left the head of the mobile police

team dead. The assailants also reportedly lost one of their men. But as they were retreating, sources said, they fled with the corpse.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that while the shooting was on, the commissioner who was said to be indoors reportedly hid himself in a small room in the apartment. As at press time there was no clue over why the killers

visited. The police PRO, Mrs Baresua Ireju said the incident was being investigated, adding that the finance commissioner was unhurt. This development came few days after his Bodo community engaged their neighbouring Mogho community in a clash which left many dead and several properties destroyed. Going by the level of destruction in Mogho it could be safely

asserted that Bodo had an upper hand in the battle.

Meanwhile, there were fears at press time, that the communal clash between the two communities may resume. Sources who spoke to the *Sunday Vanguard* said palpable tension hung in the air. According to the sources, a woman from Bodo was reportedly murdered yesterday morning around Kpor junction.