

Police kill robbery kingpin in Makurdi

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MAKURDI—THE leader of a notorious armed robbery gang that had held the residents of Ankpa Quarters area of Makurdi town hostage in recent time was at the weekend shot dead by men of the anti robbery squad of the Benue State Police Command.

The leader of the gang who before his death was also a resident of the area met his Waterloo when one of his robbery escapades. He and his gang had robbed a family in the neighborhood, but unsatisfied with the paltry sum they got, he shot the head of the family in anger.

The gun shot attracted the attention of residents who in turn alerted the Commissioner of Police, Special Anti Robbery Squad, who stormed the scene but on sighting the police the robbers opened fire on them.

The ensuing gun dwell resulted in the death of the leader of the gang who sources say was related to a political bigwig in the state.

According to the Police Public Relations Officer PPRO, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, DSP, items recovered from the scene

of crime includes a locally made pistol, empty shells of expended cartridges and knives.

According to Mr. Jinadu the state police command has commenced a man hunt for all

those involved in the terrorization of residents of the Ankpa quarters area of the town warning parents to keep a close tab on their wards and the type of company they keep saying that the police

will not spare any criminal nabbed in the state.

Meanwhile the victim of the robbery attack has been taken to Hospital in Makurdi by the Police where he is presently under intensive care.

We want Amana State, say Mubi natives

MUBI (ADAMAWA)—THE people of Mubi North Local Government Area of Adamawa State has called for the creation of Amana State.

The group is made up of people from Mubi Emirate in Adamawa and Gwoza and Askira/Uba Emirates of Borno State.

Alhaji Danladi Chambers, the Coordinator of the group in Mubi North local government, said the group had a good case.

Danladi said the group had already got the blessings of traditional rulers, politicians, the academics and the people of the area.

He said the group has had series of meetings with stakeholders comprising

politicians, the academics and civil servants from the two states in a move to form a united front for the realisation of its dream.

Chambers commended the National Assembly for its resolve to look into all agitation for the creation of more states.

He noted that the creation of states would promote peace, unity and rapid development of the rural areas.

The people of the former Sardauna province, he said voted overwhelmingly at a referendum to remain in Nigeria since 1960.

"We were promised a better deal by Nigeria and we hope we shall not be disappointed again on this

issue of state creation," The state is to comprise Mubi North and South Local Governments and Maiha, Michika, Madagali, Gwoza in Southern Borno.

Others are Hong local government in the central Adamawa State, Gombi council in same central Adamawa State and Biu and Hauwal Local Government council in the Southern tip of Borno State.

He said all the areas were formerly known as the Sardauna Province before Nigeria's Independence in 1960.

"There is nothing one would lack in Amana State, if created," he said.

It would be recalled that this is the third time the people of the area would be agitating for a state.