

Suspected robber billed to marry next week shot dead • As gunmen kill 46-yr-old man in Delta

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OGHARA—A suspected robber, who was billed to marry next week, has been shot dead after he was apprehended while attempting to rob a house in Ogharafe in the Ethiopie West Local Government Area of Delta State on Sunday night.

The robber, a member of a five-man group believed to have been terrorising Oghara community for some time now, was said to have made arrangement to marry next week and even sent out invitations.

"He was going to start the marriage process next week and had printed banners and cards, only to hear that he was involved in a robbery and shot dead this morning," a woman who claims to be his neighbour confided in *Vanguard*.

Neighbours, who heard of the shooting, flooded the Oghara police station to confirm the death, while some of them were seen shedding tears.

A security source, who craved anonymity, told *Vanguard* how the robber was shot.

"Some persons who noticed the thieves carrying arms to attack a house in Ogharafe at about 2:30am called the Oghara DPO, Hassan Jimoh, who led his men to the place and there was exchange of gunfire when one of them was killed," he said.

The Delta State Police Command spokesman, Edefe Bright, who confirmed the incident, said though he was informed, "I don't know if

the robber died." He, however, promised to get back to this reporter but he was yet to do so as at press time.

Gunmen kill 46-yr-old man in Delta

Meanwhile, a 46-year-old man identified as Mr Opia was Sunday night shot dead by gunmen in Kwale, headquarters of Ndokwa West Local Government Area, Delta State.

It was gathered that the victim was killed in Umusaeti area of the community, but the circumstances surrounding the killing were sketchy at press time.

A dependable security source said

the deceased was walking along one of the streets in the area when he was ambushed and shot by his assailants. It was, however, not clear if the incident was related to the recent upsurge of cult-related killings in the area.

"Nobody can tell how it happened. People just heard gunshots and later his corpse was found. Since January till date, about 15 persons have been killed in cult-related clashes in the town. Last week alone, four persons were killed," the source said.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr Bright Edefe, confirmed the incident and said: "No details yet."

Why I go to barbershops for human hair —Suspect

By Dayo Johnson

AKURE—THE 48-year-old woman, Funmilayo Kayode, arrested alongside a 72-year-old herbalist, Michael Omolayo, after she was caught gathering human hair from barbers shop in Akure metropolis, has explained why she went from one barber's shop to the other gathering human hair.

She would have been lynched with the suspected herbalist but for the timely intervention of a community leader in Oke-Emesho in Akure.

Both are presently undergoing interrogation by police detectives in the state police command.

Funmilayo later confessed at the

palace of the Deji of Akure land, Oba Aladetoyinbo Aladelusi, why she went about gathering human hair.

She said the herbalist asked her to look for human hair as part of the items needed for a concoction for the treatment of her son, who is afflicted with sickness.

The suspect said: "My son has been sick for over eight years. I have been going from one native doctor to another. Until I was introduced to this herbalist in Akure. He asked me to get human hair in making charms for my son.

"I had to go to the barbing salon to get the volume of hair required for the concoction. As I was gathering the hair, people around became suspicious and attacked