

Fresh graduate, 2 others killed as robbers attack banks in Kogi

By Boluwaji Obahopo

LOKOJA—A young lady, who just graduated, was among three persons reportedly killed by gunmen that attacked commercial banks in Ankpa, headquarters of Ankpa council area of Kogi State, Tuesday night.

Vanguard gathered that the robbers arrived in the town in three vehicles and some on motorbikes through the

eastern flank, blocked all exit routes and operated uninterrupted for about three hours.

An eyewitness said the robbers attacked the police station in the town before making their way to First and Zenith banks with heavy gunshots.

"After robbing the banks for about an hour, they drove violently through the town shooting sporadically. They left Ankpa through Okpo Olamaboro Local Government Area road, but no one knew their destination as the

shots were too heavy for the police to curtail."

One of the victims was reportedly hit by a stray bullet, making residents to scamper for safety.

However, the Police through the state Public Relations Officer, SP. William Anya, said it was able to engage the robbers in gun battle as most of the robbers ran away with bullet wounds.

"Consequent upon the robbery attack on UBA, FirstBank and Zenith Bank, Ankpa simultaneously, the police personnel on duty both at the

station and the banks quickly recovered from the sudden attack and gallantly repelled the attackers, who were forced to flee, some into nearby bushes, others with their vehicles. The hoodlums abandoned three vehicles used for the operation in their haste to escape.

"The Commissioner of Police, Kogi State Police Command, Edward Egbuka, immediately led a team of tactical operatives to the scenes for on-the-spot assessment and has ordered the deployment of additional operational assets consisting of operatives of the Police Mobile Force, Counter Terrorism Unit, Quick Response Unit, State Intelligence Bureau in synergy with other security agencies to restore normalcy in the area.

Gunmen kidnap Plateau council boss

By Marie-Therese Nanlong

JOS—THE Chairman of Kanke council area of Plateau State, Mr Henry Gotip, has been kidnapped by gunmen.

Although a source claimed it was his twin brother that was abducted but it was gathered that Gotip, who is also the Secretary of ALGON in Plateau State, was abducted when the armed men invaded his house in Jos, yesterday, shooting to scare his family members and neighbours before whisking him away at



CRASHED: An accident scene involving a tanker, Golf car, tricycle and a commercial motorcycle at Iju-Igboloye bridge, along Sango-Ota-Owode-Idiroko border road, yesterday. Photo: Bunmi Azeez.

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28 yr old