



**LITERARY CONFERENCE...** The 3rd National Literary Conference of Methodist College Uzuakoli Old Boys Association (UMCOBA) Lagos branch was held on Thursday. Picture shows: The chairman of the occasion, Igwe of Oko HRH Laz Ekwueme (left) with the President UMCOBA, Lagos branch Elder Kalu Ogwo at the event

## 5 armed robbers killed in Adamawa

TONY AILEMEN, Yola.

**P**OLICE in Adamawa State Wednesday, killed five armed bandits suspected to be the hoodlums terrorizing luxurious bus passengers along the Numan-Jalingo road.

The bandits were killed in two separate gun battles in Numan

town and the very busy Numan-Jalingo road which took place in the area on Tuesday night.

The incident took place during a joint patrol between the Police Highway Patrol Team and the Local Vigilante group in a new offensive against the growing threat of armed banditry which has made lives uncomfortable for

people in the area.

Addressing journalists in his office in Yola, Wednesday, the State Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP Sylvester Anayo Umeh disclosed that some of the armed robbers were killed while raiding houses at Numan while others were killed at a roadblock mounted by the armed robbers.

He said that the robbers who were operating in their large numbers, blocked the highway along the Yola/Jalingo road at about 9:45pm and on sighting the Police they opened fire on them.

He disclosed that as a result of the regular attacks on luxurious buses travelling from Yola to Onitsha, State Police Command and the Luxurious bus owners have reached agreement to halt night travels in the area.

## Irate motorists attack NDLEA officials, vandalise office

DELE OGUNYEMI, Ibadan

**O**PERATIONS of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) suffered a setback in Oyo State Friday morning as some irate motorists under the auspices of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) attacked its personnel in Saki and subsequently vandalised the local office of the Agency, as an aftermath of the arrest of a commercial driver in the town who allegedly used his vehicle to convey a suspected drug baron.

Oyo State Commander of the NDLEA, Mr. Tony-Ray Effiom Ene who disclosed this to newsmen in Ibadan stated that the police had already waded into the matter adding

that efforts were on to arrest the invading motorists for preventing his men to perform their lawful duties.

According to the NDLEA boss, the suspect was nabbed at a checkpoint, following a tip off, as he had neatly concealed hard drugs inside the boot of the vehicle he was driving to Saki town.

However, other commercial motorists along the route mobilised shortly after, and forcefully prevented the NDLEA operatives from arresting the unnamed driver, the commander stated saying this eventually nosedived into the vandalization of the local office of the agency in the town by the hoodlums.

## Human traf

AKOR SYLVESTER, Abuja.

**T**HE International Labour Organization (ILO), has disclosed that over \$32 billion is being generated as profit annually from labour exploitation of trafficked women, children and men.

Besides, the lack of harmonized legislative and investigative strategies within the West African