

Robbers defy Ohakim

•Raid IMSUTH, kill 1

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IMO State University Teaching Hospital (IMSUTH) Umuna in Orlu, Local Government, Imo State was raided penultimate Wednesday night by armed robbers.

At the end of the raid, Raymond Uwakwem, an indigene of Mbano and hospital's mortuary attendant, lay dead in a pool of his own blood.

Our correspondent's efforts to chat with the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of IMSUTH proved futile as he was on annual leave.

However, an official in the Information Center of the hospital said that although the hospital was attacked by armed robbers, no hospital equipment was

carted away by the robbers as was erroneously reported by some gossip tabloids in Imo State.

He confirmed that the robbers swooped on the hospital after midnight and engaged in indiscriminate shooting which caused pandemonium in Orlu and environs.

They forced open many offices, ransacking and rummaging the nooks and crannies of the offices. Stationary vehicles including custom-built ambulances were pelted with bullets.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) Orlu, CSP Uwem Akpan said that only the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) can provide information on any

progress in the investigation. The PPRO was said to have travelled when our correspondent visited the Central Police Station Owerri.

It will be recalled that in his inaugural broadcast to the people of Imo State on Monday, June 4, 2007, Governor Ikedi Ohakim declared a war on armed robbers when he said "...

if there is no marked decrease in armed robbery, you will have to come face to face with my government and there can be only one winner. My government will use means and power at its disposal to hound you out of the State and hopefully be treated as unwanted miscreants elsewhere".

Release political detainees, Ayodele urges Yar'Adua

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PRIMATE INRI Evangelical Church, Elijah Babatunde Ayodele has called upon President Musa Yar'Adua to release all political detainees and ease the

brought untold hardship and poverty to the people enjoined to put structures that will assuage the pains of the people in place.

According to him: "President Yar'Adua should not follow the reforms of Qbasanjo. They