

# Church robber shot

**P**OLICE in Rivers state have killed a four man armed robbery gang and arrested four other notorious criminals suspected to have vandalized a church property in the coastal community of Bonny Island.

Police also said the killings and the arrest of the suspected robbers were effected at different locations in the state.

The gang police said stormed the Assemblies of God Church on Peter Pepples compound last Monday and robbed the occupants of the church of their belongings, although no lives were lost during the raids.

In a statement signed by the command's image maker for Rivers state, Mrs. Ireju Barasua and made available to our correspondent in the state capital, the police said armed mobile police men deployed to the area exchanged gunshots with the hoodlums before killing three of the gang members.

According to the statement, some members of the gangs escaped arrest as they jumped into the swampy forest in the community.

Police also added that one locally made pistol, three GSM handsets, jewelry and huge sums of cash were recovered from the deceased robbers.