

Gunmen go on rampage in Edo

•Kill Policeman, 4-yr old girl

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GUNMEN suspected to be kidnappers yesterday evening in Benin City killed a policeman and a four year old girl.

Witnesses said the gunmen were driving in two jeeps and had abducted

an Estate Surveyor, Dan Odiete whose office is located along Akpakpava Road where they ran into a traffic at Second Junction.

The policeman killed was one of the orderly of the kidnap victim.

Daily Champion gathered that the kidnappers came out of

their vehicle and started shooting sporadically to scare motorists away.

Several other persons were hit with stray bullets and the girl was hit on the head.

The girl was said to be inside her mothers vehicle when they drove into the kidnappers.

Persons at the scene of the incident said the kidnappers shot at the vehicle and killed the girl.

It was learnt that the dead girl was in her school uniform and her twin sister was also injured.

A policeman was among those injured and they were rushed to the Central Hospital in Benin City.

State Police spokesman, DSP Anthony Airhuoyo said he was yet to get details of the incident, at the time of filing this report.

Sole administrators for ASCO, NIOMC welcome development.—Senator

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THE Senator representing Kogi Central Senatorial District, Nurudeen Abatemi-Usman has described as a welcome development the appointment of sole administrators for Ajaokuta Steel Company (ASCO) and National Iron Ore Mining Company (NIOMCO), Itakpe, both located within his constituency.

A statement signed by Mr. Michael Jegede, Special Assistant on Media and Publicity to Abatemi-Usman, indicated that the Senator made the declaration when the new sole administrator of ASCO, Mr. Joseph Isah Onobere paid him a courtesy visit in his office at the National Assembly, in company of Dr. Sanusi Mohammed, Secretary-General of African Iron and Steel Association.

Federal Government had recently announced the appointment of Onobere, an experienced metallurgical engineer and top management staff of ASCO from Ehiraland in Kogi State as the sole administrator for the steel company, while Mr. Abubakar Yaro Ibrahim, a seasoned mining engineer from Taraba State was appointed to take charge of NIOMCO.

The appointments, however, led to the disbandment of the 16-member Interim Management Committee (IMC) that has managed the affairs of the two companies since April 2008, when the concession agreement between the Federal Government and Global Infrastructure Holdings Nigeria Limited on the two facilities was cancelled.

