

Robbers kill worker, vandalise property at NTA Awka

LAST weekend was not a pleasant one for workers of the *Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)*, Awka, Anambra State, as one of them was killed by armed bandits who invaded the station.

The suspected robbers who were over 20 in number, struck in the early hours of Saturday. They were said to have arrived in the television station shortly after the close of transmission in vehicles, including a forklift. They were alleged to have remained in the television station till about 4.00 a.m.

The men of the underworld were also said to have injured many of the workers who were on duty on the fateful night.

Already, some arrests, which included the two policemen and local security workers who

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were on duty on the said day had been made, "because we observed a lot of intrigues", according to state Police Commissioner, Mr. Oliver Osuchukwu.

He noted that the command was maintaining an open mind and approach in its investigation at this stage.

The police, which said it suspected insider involvement, also admitted that the guards claimed they were all tied with ropes during the operation; more so, nothing was taken from them, "not even their guns".

Osuchukwu also did not rule out the possibility of the dead worker being killed because he recognised one of the robbers.

When *The Guardian* visited the scene of the

incident, workers were seen in groups discussing the sad incident in low tones, offices were also littered with documents and what had become of the dresses worn by those on duty who were severely beaten.

The station Manager, Mr. Hameed Adio, expressed shock at the ugly incident.

Adio, who spoke through the Manager, News, Bennie Mordi, said that the doors to the offices in the premises were all broken and that the hoodlums littered the offices with papers,

took away the 100KVA Perkins generating set, as well as another 5.5KVA generating set.

He added that the hoodlums also macheted and assaulted all the workers on duty.

She broke down while narrating their losses, especially the death of her colleague, who was the head of marketing department reportedly strangled in his office.

Items stolen from the workers included telephone handsets, cash, jewelry and shoes, but nothing more was taken from the offices broken into.

Imoke lauds due process in

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GOVERNOR Liyel Imoke of Cross River State has assured that the introduction of due process will eliminate corrupt practices that had characterised

Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the state.

"Before now, there was no clearly defined pro-