

Robbers Kill Two Policemen In Uyo

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TWO mobile policemen were shot dead by armed robbers in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State capital, yesterday. Eyewitnesses revealed that the mobile policemen were on duty at the checkpoint on Atiku Abubakar Road in the city, when men of the underworld opened fire on them.

The sources revealed that

the policemen stopped the car the armed robber were in unknowingly and asked the driver to come out and open the boot for routine check. The robbers complied and thereafter opened fire on the men of the force.

The state Police Commissioner, Mr. Mike Zuokomor, confirmed the

incident but said that only one policeman died while others were receiving treatment.

It would be recalled that recently *The Guardian* reporter in the state was likewise shot and robbed in Uyo at Ekpanyan junction, by Ikpa, opposite the University of Uyo, around 8.20pm by armed robbers who operated on a motorcycle, popularly called *okada*.

Crime, especially robbery and kidnapping, has increased in the state in recent times. Though the state governor, Chief Godswill Akpabio, banned *okada* riders from operating in the city as from 6pm, to reduce crime in the state, the operators have turned a deaf ear to the governor's order, as they have continued with their normal business.

Leadership Crisis Deepens

state Chairman after the April 14 governorship election and after the death of Otuka, which took place while attending a PDP function in Abuja.

Awa, whose position was restated by the court told Journalists on Friday

said he never saw the copy of the appeal vowing that he would continue to abide by the verdict of any competent court like the recent one, which implied that his tenure of Office as state Chairman will expire in November, 2009.