

suspects arrested for child theft in A'ibom

On searching for the child,

she came across one of the suspects and demanded for her child but he denied knowledge of stealing the child and her whereabouts. "The accused, Mr. Ibe, is my husband's cousin from the same village at Akunio Ohafia in Abia State.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Odiko Macdon Ogbache, said two suspects had been arrested in connection with the child theft. He said the suspects confessed to the act, saying that the child was sold for N300,000 to the buyer.

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procedure from the beginning in their aspect of work on site rather than make bypass that could lead to shoddy job. The bricklayers were also enjoined by Awobodu to participate in the on-going skills acquisition programme for building artisans at approved training centres across the six geo-political zones of Nigeria. A former Minister of State for Defence who graced the occasion, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro, amplified the relevance of bricklayers in the society and admonished them not to betray the trust reposed on them by ensuring that sharp practices were not incorporated in their site activities.

advocates for child's education summit

Safeguarding in Nigeria, was organised by Conrad Clark, a frontier in Risk Management in the private and public sector across Africa, and was attended by education professionals, consultants, school owners, directors, parents, caregivers, teachers, school administrators, state and local education regulatory bodies. Angelina Ikeako, CEO of Golden Link Educational Consultants (UK), addressed the summit, which focused on the importance of safeguarding in education, abuse of children, and the role of parents and the state in protecting children. She said that the summit was a platform for stakeholders to share best practices and experiences in safeguarding children in educational institutions. She also called on parents to be more involved in their children's education and to ensure that their children are safe in school and at home. The summit was held at the Eko Hotel and Conference Centre, Lagos, and was attended by over 200 participants from various states and countries. It was the first of its kind in Nigeria and was a success.

Robbers invade bank in Ekiti, kill two

From Lawrence Njoku (Enugu), Odita Sunday (Lagos) and Ayodele Afolabi (Ado Ekiti)

TWO persons were killed in a robbery attack on an old generation bank in Ilawe Ekiti, headquarters of Ekiti Southwest Local Government Area of Ekiti State yesterday.

In the operation that lasted for over an hour, it was learnt that armed robbers killed a policeman and a bank worker. Another bank worker was also reportedly shot by the bandits in the arm. The yet to be identified policeman, according to sources, was an orderly attached to one of the council bosses in the state.

A source told journalists that the armed bandits invaded the bank beside Alawe's palace and broke the security door with the aid of a dynamite before entering the banking hall at about 2:45p.m. The eyewitness disclosed that the dynamite also blew up a blue coloured Toyota Camry parked in the vicinity of the bank. The robbers reportedly stole an unspecified amount of money.

Confirming the incident, the Alawe of Ilawe-Ekiti, Oba Adebajimi Alabi, expressed shock at the incident, lamenting that the robbers turned his domain to a war-front by firing dynamite and grenade, which caused panic and paralysed business and social activities.

He said: "It was a terrible experience, my palace is very close to the bank. It was terrifying, it was like a war front. They kept detonating grenades during the attack. I was in the palace during the robbery; the attack happened

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less than an hour after a bullock van delivered cash to the bank. We have been in touch with the governor and the state police command."

Efforts to get the police reaction to the robbery were not successful as at the time of filing this report. In Enugu State, activities stood still as tempers rose for many hours on Monday night along the Enugu-Port Harcourt expressway as lorry drivers resorted to protest over the killing of a passenger by a trigger-happy police officer on night patrol.

For many hours, movement in and out of Enugu was disrupted as various lorries and tankers were used to block the Aninri axis of the dual carriageway by the drivers. A member of a police patrol team was said to have fired at a moving lorry with registration number DNG 612 XA, killing one of the passengers.

A source linked the cause of the incident that occurred at about 9:30p.m. to a disagreement over "roger", while another said it was due to the refusal of the lorry driver to stop when he was flagged down.

Alarmed by the development, all lorries operating along the route decided to stop further operations as they used their vehicles to block the highway, making it difficult for other road users.

A worried Commissioner of Police, Dan Mallam Mohammed, has vowed that the culprit would not go unpunished. The commissioner who sympathised with members of the public over the hardship they were meant to go through over the incident, said that being a police officer and armed with a gun does not give one license to kill.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State police command yesterday arrested three persons for their alleged involvement in the death of one Nurudeen at the venue of the recently held local government primary election organised by the All Progressive Congress

(APC) in Agege. The command boss, Imohimi Edgal, said the deceased was killed at Central Community Primary School, Agege, where part of the election was held. Edgal noted that the deceased was killed during a fracas that erupted over the non-inclusion of the names of some delegates in the primaries. Those arrested in connection with the crime were identified as Bosun Adigun, Sabitu Kamorudeen and Semiyu Ogunbono.

Edgal, while addressing newsmen yesterday at the Command Headquarters, Ikeja, said according to him, the election was allegedly factionalized, which led to a protest.

"Consequently, some disgruntled ward members protested their non-inclusion in the electoral process. However, during the ensuing pandemonium, gunshots were heard from a distance. When the noise died down, one Nurudeen Lanlese, 40, was found in a pool of blood."

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Lagos shuts illegal orphanage, arrests woman for child abuse

By Odita Sunday

A 45-year-old woman, Charity Iyometu, has been arrested by the Lagos State police command for maltreating an eight-year-old boy and accusing him of being a wizard. The suspect was arrested at the Seme Border area where she lives. The Commissioner of Police, Edgal Imohimi, while addressing newsmen at the police command, Ikeja, said the woman was arrested for the alleged abuse of a child.

Meanwhile, the Lagos State government has yet again shut down another illegal orphanage home named Pro Labore Der (Labour for God) at Gbetowo village in Olorunda Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of Badagry with 24 children also rescued in the course of the operation.

The existence of the illegal home came to the notice of the Research department of Ministry of Youth and Social

team, children rescued during the operation are within the ages of four months and a pregnant 17-year-old girl. Briefing journalists about the rescue in Alausa, the Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Agboola Dabiri, said the state is not going back on its words to make all illegal homes non-existence, stating that children's right is a priority to be protected. Dabiri expressed grievance at uncertainty surrounding

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