

Motorcyclists mob police inspector to death in Delta

Police parade suspected kidnapper

From Monday Osayande Asaba

1 SUSPECTED commercial motorcyclists have reportedly mobbed a 45-year-old police inspector, Festus Onori, and killed him in Ogwashi-Uku, Aniocha South Local Council of Delta State. The Guardian gathered that the officer attached to Marine Police Station (Cable Point Asaba), was killed before his wife and three children who were with him, at the time of the incident.

The deceased's elder brother, Austin Onori, said that Inspector Onori was on his way to church with his family when a commercial motorcyclist said to be of northern extraction hit his vehicle at the rear in Okpanam, near Asaba, the state capital.

He said his deceased brother was about to park



The suspects

properly to find out what really happened but to his surprise over 20 commercial motorcyclists attacked him with sticks and other

dangerous weapons. According to the elder brother, the deceased made a U-turn and ran back to his car.

"And as he drove off fearing for his life, the Okada riders pursued him. When he got to Marble hill Okpanam, he diverted through that road to the express thinking that his chasers would be discouraged and retreat.

"Behold, they pursued him down to Ogwashi-Uku Community near Kwale, when the fuel in his vehicle got exhausted on the Ogwashi Uku Community Kwale ex-

pressway.

"At that time, his pursuers numbered over 50. Then, they mobbed him to death in the presence of his wife and three children. "They also destroyed his vehicle. It was a passerby, according to the wife, who took him to Ogwashi-Uku police station before he was confirmed dead. As I speak, his remains have been deposited in the morgue," he said.

When contacted, spokesperson for the command, Bright Edafe, said he was yet to get an official report about the matter.

2 Meanwhile, the police in Delta State, yesterday, paraded three suspected kidnappers, including one Ese-Oghene Ezekiel, who masterminded the killing of his brother's wife, Regina Ogana, abduction of his brother and members of his household at Oha community, Okpe Local Council of the state.

Spokesperson for the command, Bright Edafe, while parading the suspects at the Police headquarters in

Asaba, gave the names of the suspects as James Aboyo, 'm', 21, Solomon Gbolode, 'm', and Blessing Deco, 'm', 22.

Edafe said they were arrested by the Police Anti-Crime Patrol team, at the Ofuoma community in Ughelli North Local Council for their involvement in the incident.

He said: "Kidnapping being a crime of concern in the state has been dealt a huge blow through our swift policing interventions. "They were arrested on October 13, at about 2:23a.m., after an exhaustive and painstaking investigation process, aided by technically generated intelligence by men of the Anti-Crime Patrol team, Divisional Police Station, Orokpe.

"Consequent upon their arrest, the team proceeded to conduct a search at the premises and hideout; upon reaching their hideout, one Blessing Deco, 'm', 22, was arrested, while other gang members who apparently sighted the approaching police team, took to their heels."

Aged pensioners collapse during screening in Osun

From Timothy Agbor, Osogbo

ABOUT three pensioners, yesterday, collapsed at the ongoing screening of staff and retirees on the payroll of the Osun State government.

The senior citizens

physically impaired and with stroke, were brought to the venue by their children and other relatives. Some of them who could not withstand long standing were seen either lying down

were angry at what they described as inhuman treatment by the handlers of the exercise, who allegedly delayed before starting. In their various reactions after three of them suddenly