Police nab five suspects over killing of officers in Delta

From Monday Osayande, Asaba

THE Nigeria Police Force have arrested five suspects in connection with the killing of six police officers in Delta State.

The police officers were ambushed and killed by assailants while on a mission to investigate the disappearance and rescue of three of their colleagues in the Ohoro Forest, Delta State.

The killed officers include; Inspector Abe Olubunmi (IRT) enlisted on August 1, 2003; Inspector Friday Irorere (51 PMF) enlisted on January 1, 2003; Sergeant Kuden Elisha (51 PMF) enlisted on October 17, 2011; Sergeant Akpan Aniette (51 PMF) enlisted on October 17, 2011; Sergeant Ayere Paul



CP Ananiwonda Olufemi

(IRT) enlisted on October 17, 2011; and Sergeant Ejemito Friday (51 PMF) enlisted on October 17, 2011.

Spokesperson for Police Force, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, in a statement yesterday, said six others are missing in action.

The officers are Inspector Onoja Daniel enlisted February 1, 2003; Inspector Onogho Felix enlisted on January 1, 2004; Inspector Emmanuel Okoroafor enlisted April 1, 2004; Inspector Joel Hamidu enlisted June 1, 2006, Sergeant Moses Eduvie enlisted October 17, 2011, all of 51 PMF; and Sergeant Cyril Okorie (SWAT) enlisted October 17,

2011.

The police expressed sadness over the devastating loss of the six courageous officers, who had exhibited exceptional valour in the face of adversity.

According to the statement, the bodies of six slain officers were recovered after a fierce search conducted by a combined team of Police officers and other security outfits.

"These brave officers tragically fell victim to a cowardly ambush by armed assailants, and our hearts extend to the families, friends and colleagues of the fallen officers during this period of profound sorrow.