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We've overcome
inter-ethnic
challenges
- Uduaghan

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DELTA State Governor, Emmanuel Uduaghan, said on Thursday the state has since put the inter-ethnic crisis that polarised it some years ago behind it.

He said also his administration has embarked on building a state without oil and cautioned those sowing seeds of discord, disunity and plunging the state into "unprecedented delay" to have a rethink.

The Governor said this in Asaba, the state capital, while

Three killed in Kwara as robbers attack bank

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THREE people were on Thursday reportedly killed in Offa, Kwara State, by suspected armed robbers who attacked two branches of a first generation bank in the town.

The suspected robbers, who were said to be more than five in number, also reportedly carted away an amount of money yet

to be ascertained.

Some of those who died were said to be customers who were on the bank's premises by the time the robbers struck.

A student of a higher institution in the town whose name could not be ascertained as at press time was said to be among the casualties.

It was learnt that bullets of the armed robbers who shot sporadically hit him where he was with-

drawing money from the ATM machine of one of the affected banks.

The armed robbers were said to have operated for about 40 minutes between 11.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon and caught their victims unawares at the two branches of the bank they attacked.

The robbers, according to eyewitness account, divided themselves into two groups with one shooting sporadically

into the air to scare away the unsuspecting customers at the frontage of the banks while the other went inside the banking hall.

They were said to have operated in the banks without being assailed by security agents before they escaped out of the town through Ira road.

As they were escaping through the route the suspected robbers reportedly shot sporadically

into the air to scare away residents who scampered to safety to avoid being hit by bullets.

It was learnt that police in the town mobilised and ran after the robbers on the route but could not catch up with them.

Acting Kwara State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Stanley Onyekwele, confirmed the attack and said investigation had begun into the incident.