

## News

# Gunmen on shooting spree in Port Harcourt

## • One killed

**G**UNS continued to boom in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, yesterday where one person was killed. It was the third day in a row.

It was gathered that the unknown gunmen started shooting in the morning from Marine Base side, which is not far from the Police headquarters on Moscow Road. They were said to have detonated a dynamite near the state House of Assembly. The legislators were not in session.

The gunmen moved from there to Town and

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into Diobu areas of the city, it was learnt.

In Diobu, the gunmen shot from Njemanze Street and moved to Udi, Abakaliki and Urualla streets.

It was gathered that they later converged on Abakaliki/Udi streets junction and started gyrating, sipping what observers said might be "hot drink" as they kept on shooting.

A man, who was passing by, was said to

have been killed by stray bullet which burst his stomach. This caused panic in many parts of Diobu, including the ever-busy Ikwerre Road.

The incident grounded economic activities in the Mile 1 market and parts of Ikwerre road as most traders closed shops and went home.

At the time of this report, the police were yet to comment on the incident.

It should be recalled that the gunmen have literally laid siege to Port Harcourt since Monday when they



• Rivers State Governor Celestine Omehia

killed two persons. On Tuesday they continued shooting and by the time they were through, four persons laid dead.

In Ogbogoro and Rumuolumeni areas of the city, about seven lives were lost and a house burnt. It is not clear if any arrest has been in connection with the incident.