

Robbers kill two policemen in Delta

YESTERDAY was another day of sorrows, tears and blood for senior and junior officers of the Delta State police command. Two policemen were shot dead and several other injured by robbers in Asaba.

One of the injured is in coma at an undisclosed hospital.

The dead policemen had set out from the Division "A" of the state command in a police Peugeot 504 car. They were going to an assignment when gun-totting armed bandits on mo-

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torcycle opened fire on them.

The Nation gathered that the incident occurred at 9.28 a.m., at the Ogbeosewe quarters close to Ibusa road in the city.

Witness said the officers decided to take Ogbeosewe

Quarters to beat the usual early morning traffic jams along the Ogbeogologo market at the popular Nnebisi road. But unknown to them, the killer two man squad on *Okada*

were trailing them.

"The gang on approaching the police vehicle opened fire.

As the shots rang out, residents took to their heels. The robbers carted away the policemen's guns before they fled," a witness said.

The latest attack came barely four days after the state government constituted a Joint Task

Force made up of the police, State Security Service (SSS), and navy to man parts of the state where there is an increase in

crime.

The government had two weeks ago imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew "in Ekpan, Uvwie Local Government area and declared nine persons wanted in connection with the bloody skirmishes in the town.

Also in Asaba, there have been endless cases of daylight attacks by hoodlums on bank customers and unsuspecting residents as well as indiscriminate gun duel by rival cultists who terrorise residents.

When contacted, the state



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Police Commissioner, Mr. Hezekiah Dimka, was said to be meeting with the Divisional Police Officers (DPOs) to strategise on how to reduce crime.