

# Three officers die in auto crash

## • Suspected thugs storm council

**T**HE police in Rivers State have lost three riot policemen in an auto crash.

This is coming after Tuesday's attack on the Divisional Police Station at Kire, Ogoniland, Tai Local Government Area, by hoodlums.

An Inspector, Odee Stephen, was killed and three others injured in the attack.

The three policemen are Sergeant Omale Mohammed of 56 PMF (Police Mobile Force), Sergeant Samaila Lawali and Corporal Anthony Emmanuel, of 7 PMF.

Their patrol vehicle was said to have somersaulted on the Taaba Road, by Beeri Junction, near Bori, Khana Local Government Area.

Eyewitnesses said the injured were rushed to Teme Clinic and Bori General Hospital in Port Harcourt.

Police spokesperson Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abbey, confirmed the incident.

Some suspected criminals were arrested by the police in Port Harcourt on Tuesday.

Mrs Inoma-Abbey said they were arrested around 10:15 pm on the Choba (East-West) Road, near Obiri Ikwerre, headquarters of the Swift Operation Squad (SOS).

From Bisi Olaniyi, Port Harcourt

She gave the name of one the suspects as Mr. Silas Archibong.

They drove in a Honda Accord car, with registration No: Rivers: AJ 741 BGM.

Mrs. Inoma-Abbey said one AK-47 rifle, three magazines, 50 rounds of live ammunition, army camouflage and fez cap were recovered from the suspects.

She said one of them claimed to be a Lance Corporal, serving at ICCS, Kaduna.

The spokesperson said the matter is under investigation.

Councillors of Khana Local Government Area had a rowdy session yesterday, following attempts to remove their leader, Mr. Sipay Garrick, and his deputy, Mr. Ebenezer Barile.

Persons suspected to be thugs stormed the chambers and assaulted some of the councillors.

Four of the attackers were arrested by the police.

A Volkswagen car, with registration No: Rivers: AH 551 KNM, belonging to one of the councillors, Mr. Thomas Bariere, was damaged.

Mrs Inoma-Abbey said the police are investigating the incident.