

## Policeman, three others killed in Akwa Ibom

UNKNOWN gunmen yesterday killed a policeman and three workers of Idams Investment in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

Sources said four gunmen on two motorbikes with AK-47 rifles accosted their victims' car and shot them dead.

The other victims were the driver and two female pas-

From Iniobong Ekponta, Uyo

sengers. The hoodlums escaped with an undisclosed amount of money, which the deceased were said to be taking to the Abak Road branch of a first generation bank.

The Police Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) arrived at the scene 30 minutes later and removed the bodies to the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital (UUTH).

Two persons were killed at the same spot last Monday by hoodlums who carted

away an undisclosed amount of money.

Police spokesman Onyeka Orji confirmed the incident, but said he was yet to be fully briefed.

He said the Police Command Headquarters had since mobilised several policemen to the scene, adding that some suspects have been arrested.

## Commissioner explains Sylva's project

•Governor praised

From Kamarudeen Ogundele, Abuja and Oziegbe Okoeki

**B**AYELSA State Commissioner of Finance and Budget Sylva Charles has explained why Governor Timipre Sylva unveiled an action plan for some new projects. Charles said the governor was inspired by an increase in the state's revenue profile after 18 months of financial turbulence.

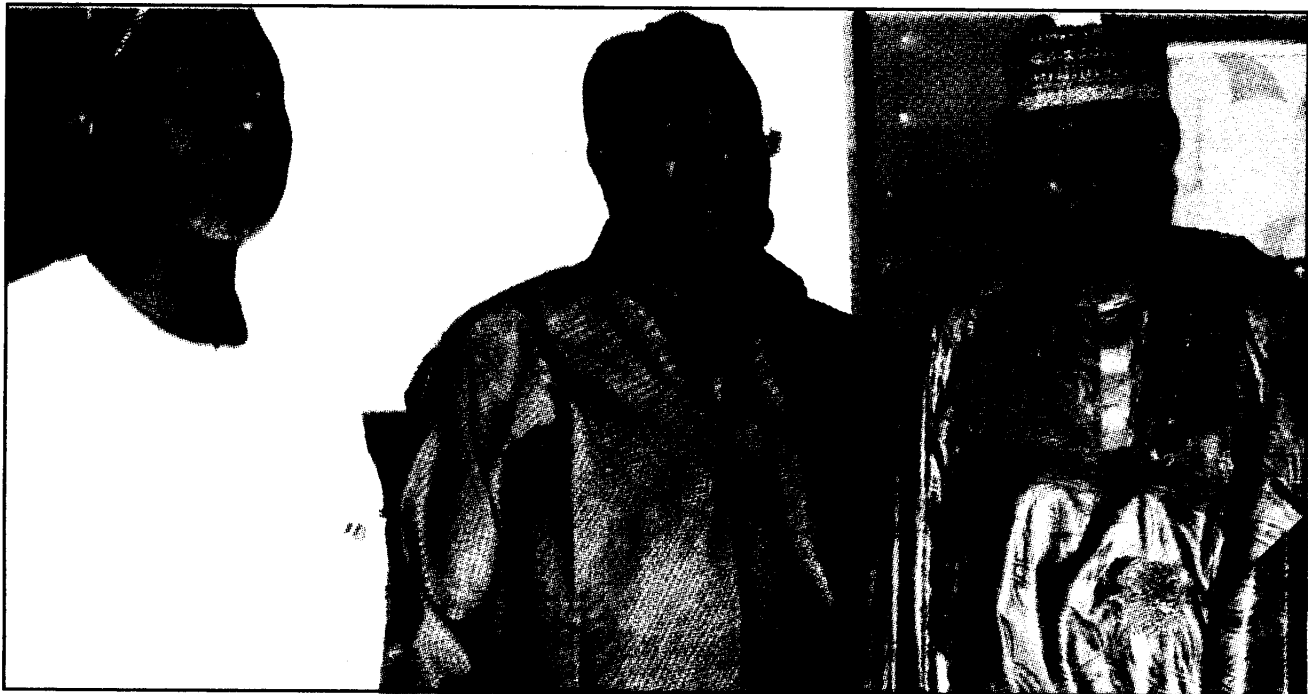
He said Sylva was also motivated by the patience and understanding of the people during the period.

The commissioner said the revenue which accrued to the state at the end of June was N59.7 billion as against N95.85b the previous year.

This development, he said, had slowed government down in its commitment to serve the people.

Commissioner for Health Dr. Azibapu Eruani praised Sylva for being the first governor to implement the 100 per cent Consolidated Medical Salary Structure (CONMESS).

In a statement by his Special Assistant on Media/Publicity, Austin Epipade, the commissioner said the administration ensured that health institutions measured up to the required



From left: The Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Lagos State, Setonji Koshedo, National Chairman, Dr Okwesilieze Nwodo and National Publicity Secretary, Prof Rufai Ahmed Alkali during Nwodo's briefing of PDP members at Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Ikeja Lagos.

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