

Two robbery suspects killed in Rivers

• Suspected cultists kill student in Delta

TWO suspected robbers were killed yesterday in a shoot-out between the police and their gangs in Rivers State.

Two AK-47 rifles; live ammunition and N437,000 were recovered from the hoodlums.

A policeman, Sgt Onuora Chukwuma, was shot in the thigh by the hoodlums, in an operation led by Deputy Commissioner of Police Habila Joshak.

Sources said a red Volkswagen Golf car was coming from Ogbogoro towards Egbelu when the occupants started shooting at policemen, wounding Chukwuma.

The policemen retaliated, leading to the death of the suspected robber.

Other members of his gang abandoned their vehicle and fled into the Elaprawon forest.

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

Mrs. Inoma Abbey also said some hoodlums shot another policeman, Sgt Bulus

From Bisi Olaniyi, Port Harcourt and Okungbowa Alwerle, Asaba

Mutur, in the leg.

The officer, she said, was involved in the foiling of a robbery attempt on Abana Street, old Government Reservation Area (GRA), Port Harcourt.

The robbers escaped but were intercepted at the Enugu waterfront, Port Harcourt.

In the ensuing exchange of gunfire, the hoodlums were forced to flee with bullet wounds, abandoning their injured leader and the car.

The gang leader was later confirmed dead in the hospital.

The spokesperson said policemen discovered another wounded robber and recovered one AK-47 rifle and 11 fully-loaded magazines.

In a related development, three armed men in a white Jetta car, yesterday, robbed Salihu Sani and Abdul-

Muminu Isiaka of about N2 million on Aba Road after attacking them.

The victims were shot by the robbers, leading to the death of Sani. Isiaka is responding to treatment.

Mrs. Inoma-Abbey said the prompt response of policemen from Woji led to the interception of the gang.

One of the hoodlums was arrested and the car recovered.

The police spokesperson said the suspect attempted to escape but was incapacitated.

In Delta State, a student of the state polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku, was killed by unidentified assailants.

Ogor Maduka was reportedly killed in a reprisal attack by a rival cult gang.

Sources said Maduka, an indigene of Issele-Uku in Aniocha North local government, was trailed by two youths on a motorcycle and shot twice.

The news of his death caused pandemonium among residents and students.

Sources said trouble started when Maduka's group allegedly attacked a student of the Fine Arts Department with an axe, inflicting deep cuts on his chest.

The victim was later revived at a local hospital.

It was learnt that the immediate cause of the killing may not be unconnected with a minor argument over the use of a handset charger.

Police spokesman Charles Muka confirmed the incident, adding that a commercial motorcyclist has been arrested for questioning.

A female student of the school died yesterday after a commercial bus lost control.

Several others were injured.

An eyewitness said the accident occurred after the campus shuttle in a bid to avoid a head-on collision with another car somersaulted.

The victim reportedly fell out of the bus and the vehicle landed on her.