

Three killed in Rivers robbery attack

THREE robbers were killed yesterday in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, in a shoot-out with policemen.

A locally-made revolver and five cartridges were recovered from the armed robbers.

Sources said the incident occurred around 3:45 am. The policemen arrived the scene and engaged the hoodlums in a gun battle, leading to the death of three.

Police spokesman Ben Ugwuogbulam confirmed the incident. He said the police were searching for other suspects.

The command has arrested a member of a car snatching syndicate. A stolen vehicle was also recovered.

Acting on a tip-off, policemen at the special check point in Igbo-Etche, raided a workshop in the community, leading to the arrest of the suspect.

The suspect, who hails

From Bisi Olaniyi, Port Harcourt

from Etche, was arrested while trying to change the colour of a stolen Volkswagen Golf car.

At the house, policemen recovered two vehicle number plates. The seats of the recovered vehicle were found in a furniture shop at Eleme Junction, Port Harcourt.

Ugwuogbulam said the

suspect confessed to belonging to a syndicate that specialises in selling stolen vehicles.

Also in Bonny Island, a wanted suspect, Promise Banigo, was arrested.

Banigo stabbed a National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) member during the voter registration.

The spokesman said Banigo would be charged to court today.

Edo Speaker to emerge from Oredo

From Osagie Otabor, Benin

THE Speaker of the Edo State House of Assembly is likely to emerge from Oredo Local Council when the Fourth Assembly is inaugurated today.

It was gathered that the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) had opted for Uyi Igbe, representing Oredo West. Festus Ebea from Esan South East will be the Deputy Speaker.

The decision to pick Igbe was said to have been reached at a meeting between top ACN leaders and lawmakers-elect.

Two lawmakers, who pleaded anonymity, confirmed that Igbe has been picked to become the Speaker.