

The five unions are the Medical and Health Workers' Union, the Nurses and Midwife Association, the Nigeria Union of Allied Health Professionals, the Senior Staff of All Teaching Hospitals and Allied

Federal Government from implementation of last July court ruling; the non-payment of the Consolidation Salary Scale Level 10; the government's refusal to implement a court judgment on consultan-

the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals Dr Felix Faniran said it was disturbing that the Federal Government was insensitive to the welfare of health workers.

well as Adeoyo Hospitals on Ring Road and Yemetu, medical activities were grounded. The health workers, except doctors, shunned their duty posts.

## Two dead as 'kidnappers', police battle

**S**USPECTED kidnappers yesterday engaged in a shootout with men of the Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) at Obosi, near Onitsha in Anambra State.

Two suspects were shot and one policeman was injured. It was learnt 13 suspects ran away.

Addressing reporters at the SARS headquarters at Awkuzu in Oyi Local Government Area, Police spokesman Eme-

### • Policeman, one other injured

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka

ka Chukwuemeka said SARS stormed the suspects' hideout at Obosi in Idemili North Local Government and killed two.

He said the kidnappers, led by one of the deceased suspects called *Small*, were responsible for kidnapping and

robbery in the state.

One of the kidnap kingpins, Chukwuemeka said was arrested by SARS operatives, led by the Commander, James Nwafor.

Over 15 suspects, on sighting the police, opened fire. "We responded and killed the gang's leader, *Small*, and an-

other member, *Alanta*. Other escaped with bullet wounds."

The incident, he said occurred at 4 am.

Chukwuemeka said the new Police Commissioner Usman Gwari was determined to rid the state of kidnappers and robbers.

Some items recovered included two AK47 rifles, six magazines with live cartridges, charms and mobile phone

## APC may produce first Igbo president,

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