

personnel of the NNS BEECROFT after it was intercepted and found to have loaded more than its approved capacity.

The FOC, who scored the personnel and the units under his command high for their commitment to service and discipline despite the

another vessel, which was also nominated to bunker a specific amount of AGO.

"But it overshot in excess of about 50 metric tonnes of what was approved and it is an offence. We arrested the vessel because it has to explain how it came about the excess product.

"Our patrol has been more effective and efficient with the upgrading of the command's Regional Maritime Awareness Capability Centre in Apapa. Vessels have been arrested for offences and handed over to the prosecuting agencies for further action.

sionate about making sure that the NN's fleet is recapitalised.

"In line with this, the NN has ordered vessels from China and the United States of America. We hope before the end of the year, we will have some of them and of course next year, some of them will join."

Suspected robbers 'kill' vigilance group member

RESIDENTS of 66, Item Road in Aba, Abia State are mourning, following the alleged invasion of their house and the killing of Israel Njoku, a member of the Abia State Vigilante Services (AVS), formerly called Bakassi, by suspected robbers.

It was learnt that four robbers about 2:30am on Friday allegedly stormed the house in Ngwa/Ohanku Road area and robbed the

From Sunny Nwankwo,
Aba

occupants of cash and valuables.

Although it could not be ascertained if there was a fight between the vigilance group member and the robbers, a source said it was rumoured that the suspected robbers allegedly killed Njoku in his room after noticing that he was a member of the AVS.

The source said their neighbour died from gunshot wounds.

Njoku, it was gathered, pleaded with the invaders to spare his life, but the plea fell on deaf ears, as the robbers saw him as a threat.

A young man said to be in his 20s, identified as Ugonna Ike, has equally been reported dead. He reportedly drowned when excavating sand at the Imo

River.

Ike, an indigene of Uratta in Isiala Ngwa North Local Government, was said to have gone to the river with Osinachi Okezie to excavate sand.

It was learnt that efforts made by the rescue team to save him were unsuccessful.

Police spokesman Geoffrey Ogbonna said he was yet to be briefed.

The bodies have been deposited in the morgues.