

the road shedding tears with her pants torn and stained with blood."

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never to our reporter. He was unable to do so as of press time.

② Hoodlums kill police escort, butcher in Edo

HOODLUMS on Thursday ambushed members of the caretaker committee of Edo state Butchers Union on Benin-Auchi expressway, killing the police escort, Sergeant Jubril and a butcher, Nathaniel Iyamu.

The 13-man Committee was recently inaugurated to oversee the affairs of the state's Butchers Union by Governor Godwin Obaseki, following a protracted crisis that rocked the union.

Iyamu, until his gruesome death was the vice chairman of the body.

It was learnt that the chieftains of the union were attacked when their

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convoy ran into a robbery operation, while returning from Afuze in Owan East Local Government, where the local branch of the union was inaugurated.

An eyewitness said the armed men abducted some motorists while shooting sporadically.

The incident occurred near Obadan village along the Benin-Auchi highway.

It was gathered that the police escort had shot into the air to apparently scare the hoodlums

away.

The witness said the late police escort was running into the bush alongside others when he was gunned down.

"The operation lasted for over an hour causing heavy traffic gridlock. Many passengers ran for safety.

"Some passengers were also robbed of their valuables, while some were taken to in unknown destination."

A member of the committee who pleaded anonymity said the lifeless body of the policeman was recovered at about 10pm.

Contacted, the police spokesman, Chidi Nwabuzor, said the incident was being investigated.

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