

## Police to Rivers hotels: install CCTV cameras or be sealed

### •Eight murdered in hotels

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**N**O fewer than eight went have been murdered in different hotels in Rivers State, in the past few months, the state Police command has revealed.

The state Commissioner of Police (CP), Mustapha Dandaura who disclosed this during a briefing in Port Harcourt, the state capital, on the serial killing of especially young women in different hotels in the state yesterday has directed hotels operating in the state to install CCTV cameras in strategic locations in the hotels to guard against

the activities of serial killers parading the streets of the oil-rich state.

Dandaura directed the Executive members of Nigerian Hotel Association to prevail on their members to install CCTV in all hotels, guest houses and motels across the state, giving them one month ultimatum to comply or have their hotel business sealed off.

According to him, already, already a 9-man task force headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police has been constituted to ensure that hoteliers comply with the directives.

He said "the command condemns in the strongest terms these serial killings hence we call on all people of good will to rise to the occasion and join the Police as we kick out these monsters. It could be recalled that in the wake of this attack and

bothered by the development in Port Harcourt, I summoned all hotel owners under the argues of Nigerian Hotels Association where we had an interface and I understood the need for synergy between hotels.

"I have given directives to the Executive members of the Association to prevail on their members to install Circuit Camera Television, CCTV in all hotels, guest houses and motels across the state and gave them an ultimatum of one month within which to do or face sanction.

Consequently a task force was constituted for that purpose with the clear mandate to enforce the directive and bring defaulting hotels to book, including sealing same for compounding felony.

He said that the task force was given the mandate to among other things enforce compulsory installation of functional CCTV Cameras, strict compliance to check-in and check-out procedures, training of hotels staff on security and safety tips, patrol of of hotels by the police especially the Divisional Anti-

crime Patrols to hoteliers as well as ensure swimming pools have competent lifeguards.

He regretted that his directives so far are yet to comply with a hotel manager, a ficer and a recorder where two separat were committed h arrested.

He said the su found guilty will be for culpable homicide said that 8 females far been murdered ent hotels in Port H