

# News

**ARMED** gang on Friday invaded the Bonny Island branch of one of the banks in Rivers State killing four policemen and a civilian.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Rivers Command, Mrs Ireju Barasua, told newsmen in Port Harcourt on Friday.

The police spokesman said the robbers, numbering more than 20, also carted away 400,000 Naira from the

## ROBBERS INVADE BANK IN RIVERS, KILL 4 COPS

bank.

Barasua said the bandits swooped on the bank at about 1.46 a.m. on Friday, after laying ambush for the police and cordoning off the Bonny round about.

Barasua said informants alerted the police following sporadic shooting.

She said the police moved in with other members of the joint military task force, comprising the Army, Navy and the Airforce.

"The police team ran into the robbers' ambush

losing four of their men and a civilian," Barasua explained.

She said the robbers could only penetrate one of the strong rooms of the bank where they got the

400,000 Naira, before the joint task force dislodged them.

Barasua said the bandits escaped through the Bonny water front, abandoning 38

live 7.8mm ammunition, one live 7.68mm ammunition and a polythene bag suspected to the container for dynamites at the scene.

"Also recovered were 203

shells of 7.8mm ammunition and 49 empty shells of 6.2mm ammunition," she added.

Barasua said the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Sam Adetuyi, has directed detailed investigation into the incident, while man hunt for the robbers was being intensified.

## FG urged to arm NSCDC

MEN of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) at the weekend in Port Harcourt, called on the Federal Government to arm them

been empowered to combat pipeline vandals, maintain 24 hours surveillance on government's infrastructure and provide orderlies for public officers, there is

that there would be counter and pre-emptive attacks on its members by vandals and hoodlums.

"Without gun, our duties would be reduced to being

Delta and two in the attack on the commandant general's motorcade.

Asibi who noted that the role of the corps had become too strategic, lamented that

### CHANGE OF NAME

**HALILU** - I, formerly known as Daharatu Halilu, now wish to be known as **MRS. DAHARATU IBRAHIM KHALEEL**, BUK, NYSC and public to take note. All former documents remain valid.