

Suspected militants burst gas pipeline in Ogun

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HOODLUMS suspected to be militants, on Tuesday, blew up a gas pipeline in Ogijo area of Ogun State.

Lagos Metro gathered that the hoodlums, parading as maintenance officers from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), carried out the dastardly act around PZ Estate in the area.

It was learnt that a loud explosion occurred shortly after the hoodlums left the area, which led to the destruction of the gas pipeline.

Residents were said to have scampered to safety as the affected pipeline served distribution line for some companies in Ikorodu.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Of-

ficer, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident, adding that men of the command had been dispatched to the scene.

He said repair work was being carried out on the affected section by the NNPC officials.

According to Adejobi, "some hoodlums, on Tuesday, burst a part of a gas pipe-

line around PZ Area in Ogijo.

"We heard that they came as if they were officials of a company in charge of the maintenance of the gas pipeline and the residents were deceived by this ploy.

"We don't want to conclude yet that they were militants, but we call them criminals and we will get them wher-

ever they are.

"The command had deployed men in the area and we are working with other sister security agencies. The Divisional Police Officer, Ogijo, Mohammed Tijani and his team are also there. The Lagos State police command had also deployed men in the area."

Clergyman, aide, driver shot dead over land dispute

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THREE people, a clergyman, his personal assistant and driver, were, on Wednesday, reportedly murdered over land dispute in Ikosi Ejirin area of Lagos.

The clergyman, Deacon Tayo Hassan; his personal

assistant, Waidi Dada and the driver, Omobolanle Rashidi, were killed by suspected land speculators at Oriwu Igboodu town, Ikosi Ejirin.

It was gathered that the deceased clergyman and his people, on Wednesday afternoon, went to a parcel of land at Igboodu, when the yet-to-be-identified killers invaded the community and attacked them.

The assailants reportedly shot sporadically before picking on their targets and ensured that the three of them were dead before escaping from the scene of the crime.

A police source at Agbowo divisional police station told Lagos Metro that a certain Chief Ogunyemi Olaitan of Molajoye Village reported the incident at the

police station.

The image maker in charge of the state police command, Dolapo Badmos, confirmed the incident to Lagos Metro and added that the case was reported at Agbowo divisional police station.

The police spokesperson also stated that policemen from Agbowo division had visited the scene of the murder, where expended cartridges and knives were recovered.

The police in Lagos also claimed that they had a clue that would help in unravelling the killers of the clergyman and the two others.

She also stated that the police in the state were on the trail of the assailants, adding that the bodies of the slain people had been deposited at Agbowo General Hospital.

f principal for stabbing teacher

matter and report findings.

The fracas, which occurred on March 8 between the head-teacher and the teachers, was said to have been caused by the non-payment of February salary of 74 out of 84 teachers of the school, following their refusal to perform an audit exercise.

The incident was said to have led to the alleged

stabbing of one Mr Agboola with a household knife by the head teacher, Mr Ogunmade, who also solicited the help of other teachers to join him in giving Agboola a beating of his life.

It was recommended that the headteacher should face disciplinary action in line with extant rules guiding the conduct of teachers in the school.