

The suspected kidnappers arrested by the Edo State Police Command

Gunmen kill politician in Delta

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A former councillor of Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, Mr Blessing Oguori, has been killed by yet-to-identified assailants.

Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr Muhammad Mustafa, in a text message to journalists in Warri on Tuesday, confirmed the incident.

Mustapha said the politician met his death on Monday afternoon on Osubi road, Okpe Local Government Area of the state.

Osubi, where an airstrip is located, is the abode of the Speaker of the Delta State House of Assembly, Honourable Sheriff Oborevwori.

Speaking on the incident, Mustapha said: "It is confirmed that he was killed and investigation has commenced.

"We are looking for the suspects and when we are

able to arrest one through the kind of weapons they used, we shall apprehend the rest of them."

The police boss further revealed that a set of people was also attacked in the

same area on the same day.

A witness said the deceased was with the son of one Mr Newton Agbofodo who was also shot.

"Oguori was a former Personal Assistant to Agbofodo

and was with the son of his former boss who was also shot, but bullet did not penetrate him," the witness said.

The witness alleged that the incident might have been orchestrated by on-

Police impound military uniforms imported from China in Aba

ABIA Police Command has impounded a large quantity of military uniforms, allegedly imported from China and stocked at a warehouse in Aba, the commercial hub of the state, the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Anthony Ogbizi, made this disclosure at the Umuahia Central Police Station on Tuesday, while briefing newsmen on the achievements recorded by the command in the fight against crime and criminality within the last two weeks.

Ogbizi said that the owner of the warehouse, one Michael Onuoha, was arrested for alleged conspiracy, aiding

and abetting the unlawful procurement, importation and possession of the uniforms, which were mainly camouflage.

He alleged that the Managing Director of Messrs U.U Iruoha, one Uche Iruoha, popularly called Urchman, shipped the uniforms in a container to Apapa Port, Lagos, from where they were transported to Aba in March.

The police commissioner said that Onuoha was arrested on August 16, but that Iruoha was still in China.

The Commander, 14 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, Ohafia, Brigadier-General Abubakar Ibrahim, who was with the police boss at the briefing, said that the army

was worried by the development.

Ibrahim said that it was disturbing that unscrupulous persons wear military uniforms and camouflage to commit crimes.

He said that the organisation was collaborating with the police and other security agencies to check the phenomenon and ensure that perpetrators were arrested and brought to book.

In another development, the police also arrested two officials of a new generation bank in Umuahia for alleged conspiracy to defraud a high-profile customer of the bank.

The suspects, including a marketer, Mr Promise Nwangene, and Customer

Service Officer, Kenneth Ebereonu, were alleged to have collected the bank account details of the customer (names withheld), including the Bank Verification Number and Automated Teller Machine number, which they posted online.

The police commissioner said "their intention was to begin to steal the N1 million in the account but nemesis caught up with them."

He alleged that Nwangene "in a bid to pass the information to his accomplice, Kenneth, mistakenly sent it to a WhatsApp group chat, where it was intercepted by a friend of the customer, who alerted the management of the bank."

in Sabogunda-Ora and that expected from school in Sabogunda-Ora, but the teacher felt he could still be reformed and for that reason, he got another school for him.

He said that ironically, the kidnap suspect turned around to connive with members of his criminal gang in Rivers State who hatched a plot to kidnap him.

Nwangene told newsmen that they collected the bank details in order to reactivate the account for the owner and that no fraud was intended.

He said that he saved the information to be able to access it for the reactivation of the account but "mistakenly" posted it online.

To further diffuse the allegation of fraud, the two suspects said that no money had been removed from the account since July 1, when the information was posted, to date.

"We would have started removing money from the account or eloped since July 1, if the intention was to commit fraud," one of them said.