

# Killing of police sergeant: 25 suspects arrested

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**N**O fewer than 25 suspects, including some landlords, have been arrested in Onitsha, Anambra State following Sunday's killing of a police sergeant in the city.

The victim, whose name the police were yet to disclose as at Tuesday, was abducted by suspected members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra and later murdered.

He was at a mechanic's shop, trying to fix his motor cycle, when his abductors descended on him.

Investigations by our correspondent on Tuesday showed that the arrests coincided with more raids carried out on suspected MASSOB hideouts by the joint military and police team deployed in the city.

The team reportedly invaded two buildings on Silas/Works Road, Fegge, an

Onitsha suburb, which is believed to harbour many hoodlums, on Tuesday.

It was gathered that, between midnight of Monday and the early hours of Tuesday, fighting between the team and the hoodlums was reported.

Although no new deaths were recorded, 25 suspects were arrested, among them landlords suspected to be providing shelter for miscreants.

The Acting Commissioner

of Police, Anambra State Command, Mr. Haruna John, who confirmed the arrests to our correspondent, said that the police went to the area primarily in search of the killers of the sergeant.

He said, "We have been working day and night, my unit commanders and I, we want to get those who killed the policeman. We must get them. None of us has been sleeping; we will keep raiding their bases until we get those

suspects."

Asked to comment on the fate of the family of the sergeant and those of the more than five other policemen whom the Onitsha crisis had claimed, John said that an insurance package was being worked out for them.

According to him, the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, had directed that "something be done immediately for the families."

## NYSC member builds water reservoir for

**Francis Falola**  
**Minna**

**T**HE Principal of the Niger State School for Special Education, Alhaji Kabiru Abdul, has commended a member of the National Youth Service Corps, Miss Evelyn Okoye, who constructed a large water reservoir for the use of the school.

Abdul, who spoke in an interview with our correspondent

in Minna, the state capital, on Tuesday, described the project as an excellent technical masterpiece with a capacity to store 21, 000 litres of water.

He said the reservoir would go a long way in meeting the needs of both the disabled students and the staff of the school.

Abdul said, "The corps member voluntarily undertook the project on her own, having

observed that the school was facing a problem of water shortage, which made the deaf and the blind students to be going out of the school compound in search of water. This situation, you will agree with me, is very hazardous and risky."

He commended the corps member for showing concern for the less-privileged and urged other corps members across the country to emulate her.

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