

Militants kill four policemen, snatch bullion van

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GUNMEN suspected to be Niger Delta militants on Monday morning, in Port Harcourt, killed four policemen and made away with a bullion van allegedly containing millions of naira.

But the Commissioner, Rivers State Police Command, Mr. Sam Adetuyi, said two policemen were killed in the deadly encounter on the East-West, at a point close to Emuohua community.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the gunmen ambushed the bullion van, which was conveying money from a Port Harcourt bank to Yenagoa, at a bad portion of the road.

The source said the hoodlums, who were clad in red attire, fired several shots into the van before killing the policemen who were accompanying it to the Bayelsa State capital.

One of the eyewitnesses said, "We started hearing sporadic gunshots shortly after the bullion van drove past us at the University of Port Harcourt junction.

"Shortly after, we saw two of the policemen who were in the convoy drenched in blood being ferried by a motorcyclist towards the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital. We then knew that something had happened.

"By the time we were able to reach the point where the incident occurred, the gunmen had shot open the van and emptied its content while two dead bodies in police uniform were lying by the roadside."

The source said that apart

from the policemen killed, innocent commuters who ran into the blockade erected by the gunmen were wounded by stray bullets fired by the militants.

A middle-aged woman was found writhing in pain at the scene and was taken away by policemen who arrived on the scene moments later.

The gunmen, who reportedly snatched one of the vehicles used by the slain policemen, escaped through Emuohua Waterfront in a waiting speedboat.

Eight students arrested with WAEC question/answer sheets

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EIGHT students, suspected to be candidates of the General Certificate in Education examination, have been arrested with WASSCE question papers and prepared answer sheets.

A team of anti-robbery policemen attached to Ajegunle police station in Lagos, acting on a tip-off, arrested the suspects in a private residence on

Boundary Road, Ajegunle, on Saturday.

The suspects (names withheld) included five males and three females. They were caught with the English Language question paper and unspecified copies of prepared answer sheets.

Our correspondent learned that the illegally-acquired documents were seized from the suspects a few days before the English Language paper in the on-going 2006 GCE wa-