

Policemen mourn colleague's death

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GRIEF enveloped Ekpan Police Station in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State on Tuesday following the killing of the former Divisional Crime Officer of the station, Mr. Adesina Otulana, by bandits.

The Divisional Police Officer in charge of the station, Mr. Anthony Ekong, had a hectic time comforting officers and men of the station when the death of Otulana was made public.

Otulana, a superintendent of police, was transferred to "B" Division, Asaba, as second in command, last week.

He returned to his former base for handing-over formalities on Friday, before he was murdered on his way back to Asaba on Monday morning at Umutu on Effurun/Agbor highway.

Findings by our correspondent who visited Ekpan police station on Tuesday revealed that the

bandits masquerading as cattle rearers were operating at Umutu before Otulana arrived at the scene.

Our correspondent gathered that on his arrival, the deceased reportedly confronted the bandits in order to save their victims.

Police sources said he was killed in the process.

US offers grant to fight

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THE United States has given a grant of \$ 8m for the pursuit of peace in five states in Nigeria.

The states are Delta, Rivers, Kano, Kaduna and Plateau.

The Chief of Party, International Foundation for Education and Self-Help/United States Agency for International Development, Mrs. Joan C. Johnson, disclosed this in Effurun, Delta State,