

Robbers kill four policemen, burn two vans in Anambra

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FOUR policemen have been killed and two patrol vans belonging to the police burnt by armed robbers on the Onitsha - Owerri expressway, the police command said in Awka on Tuesday.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the Anambra State Command, Mr. Agboola Oshodi-Glover, told journalists that the armed robbers also dispossessed the policemen of their weapons.

Oshodi-Glover spoke as he paraded 27 suspects arrested in Anambra State in the last three weeks for kidnapping, armed robbery and attempted murder.

The DCP, who said the state had been relatively peaceful since the last governorship election, said nine people were arrested when they attempted to kidnap a businessman in Awka, the state capital.

He said the suspects were arrested with the help of the local vigilance group, which intercepted the suspects and promptly alerted the police.

The police chief said one suspect had sent a threat letter enclosing two live AK-47 ammunition to his victim and asked him to produce N500,000 in recharge cards.

Oshodi-Glover said the suspect warned that his target would be dealt with should he

fail to comply with the threat. Oshodi said the suspect and one of his accomplices were arrested while a third suspect was on the run.

Momoh, others blame country's woes on leadership

Ozioma Ubabukoh, Abuja

SPEAKERS at the Nigerian Institute of Estate Surveyors and Valuers, public lecture in Abuja on Tuesday, ex-rayed the country's journey into nationhood and declared that her crisis was essentially that of leadership.

The event was the institute's 16th memorial lecture held in honour of its pioneer president, Mr. John Woods Ekpenyong.

The Guest Speaker and Chairman of *Channels Television*, Mr. John Momoh, lamented that the country had been fed with lies on the health of President Umaru Yar'Adua.

He explained that the secrecy surrounding the President's health and the manner his return to the country was handled made a mockery of the attempt to rebrand Nigeria.

According to him, governance in Nigeria has been at a standstill since Yar'Adua travelled to Saudi Arabia on November 23, 2009.

He said, "The acts of deliberate falsehood perpetrated since the President was taken to Saudi Arabia for

medical treatment are quite telling. He said two armed robbery suspects who had confessed to participating in several operations in Onitsha and neighbouring communities

were arrested after robbing one lady on Owerri road of her Nokia handset and N16,000 at gunpoint.

For more, visit www.punchng.com Even with the purported return to the country of the President – mind you, I have not heard of anyone who has seen him since February 24, 2010 – the Federal Executive Council has exhibited some inclination to subterfuge. No factual statement to this moment about the health or

N15bn contract scam: EFCC to arraign ex-gov, three others

Olusola Fabiyi, Abuja

THE Economic and Financial Crime Commission will on Wednesday (today) arraign the immediate past governor of Nasarawa State, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu before a Federal High Court in Lafia.

Also to be charged along with him are three of his former commissioners. The four suspect suspects were on Tuesday detained by the commission.

Adamu, who is the Secretary of the Peoples Democratic Party's Board of Trustees, is being investigated in connection with alleged N15bn contract scam.

A source at the commission,

whereabouts of the President."

Commending Acting President Goodluck Jonathan for refusing to accept congratulatory messages on his elevation, a surveyor and former director in the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, Mr. Fortune Ebiai, said the decision was a step in the right direction.

who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that Adamu was being prosecuted for the award of contracts that were either executed or otherwise.

The source also said that Adámu was being interrogated for what he called "outright theft from this amount."

The commission's Head of Publicity and Media, Mr. Femi Babafemi, who confirmed the planned arraignment of Adamu and his former commissioners, said they would be taken to Lafia on Wednesday.

Babafemi said, "Yes, the man is with us as well three of his former commissioners and they will be charged to court on Wednesday."

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