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Gunmen kill two in Rivers

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GUNMEN in the early hours of Saturday killed two persons in two separate operations in the Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

While one of the victims, Anele Nwozuruaka, was killed around 2am in Alakahia, the other identified as Anebo Amadi was shot dead at about 5am in Rumuekini.

It was gathered that Nwozuruaka's children had pleaded with the bandits to spare their father's life, but their entreaties were to no avail.

Sources stated that the killers went in their numbers to the Alakahia home of the late Nwozuruaka as some of them stayed outside while those who shot him forced their way into the deceased's

residence.

Nwozuruaka was before his death the Alakahia chapter chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party and a youth leader in the area.

Wife of the deceased, Mrs Orumati, explained that her husband's murder was more painful because her children begged to no avail.

She said, "We were sleeping when we heard noise at our main door. I woke up; I did not know that my husband had also woken up and run to the bathroom.

"Immediately, his killers, who were many in number, forced their way in and asked my husband for his ATM card. He told them that it was inside the car and requested that they follow him to the car, but they said there was no need.

"They dragged him to the living room. My children and I were pleading; my little daughter pleaded, 'brother please leave my father alone'. But they shot him dead there. All I could hear from my husband was, 'mother, I am gone.'"

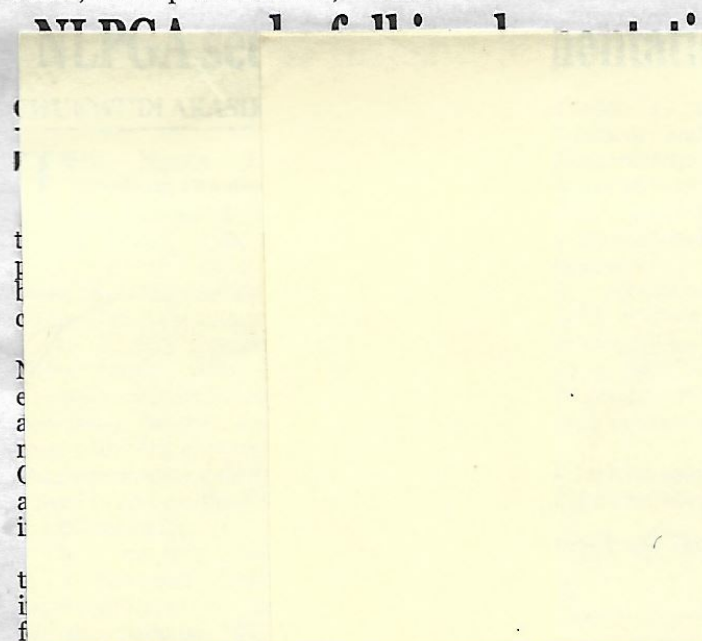
Jeffrey Omejuriowhor-Amadi, the elder brother to the deceased, said his sibling was murdered as a result of his stance against injustice, even as he appealed to the security agencies to expose those behind Nwozuruaka's gruesome murder.

"We just woke up to see the lifeless body of my younger brother, who did not have problem with anyone. He was not a cult member or a rapist, we are all surprised. He only stood against injustice," Omejuriowhor-Amadi lamented.

The state Police Public

Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the two incidents, adding that the state Commissioner of Police, Mustapha Daudaura,

had ordered an immediate investigation into the incidents with a view to bringing the hoodlums to book.



as approved by the Federal Executive Council.

The Vice President was said to have expressed commitment to work closely with the NLPGA to achieve full implementation of the policy to achieve its desired objectives, which include a reduction in domestic energy poverty across Nigeria.

The statement said, "Other issues discussed include lack of enforcement and lack of uniformity of enforcement, the duplicity of regulatory oversight and levies, the impact of organised touting and extortions on consumer retail price, matter arising from VAT waiver, and inland waterways accessibility.

"The forthcoming LPG Conference and Exhibition was discussed, and His Excellency, the Vice President, graciously

A former Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Oluseyi Petinrin, has said recruiting more policemen is not the solution to the insecurity problem confronting the nation.

Petinrin said the lasting solution to the problem was adequate training and modern equipment for the police personnel all over the country.

The former CDS said this at the inauguration of a branch of Access Bank Plc in Ipetu-Ijesa in the Oriade Local Government Area of Osun State.

He said the problem of kidnapping, banditry and other forms of insecurity would be solved if the present administration provided modern equipment and better training

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September 22, 1792

- The French First Republic was proclaimed.

September 22, 1888

- The first issue of National Geographic Magazine is published.

September 22, 1903

- Italo Marchiony was granted a patent for the ice cream cone.

September 22, 1949

- The Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

September 22, 1980

- The Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war.

September 22, 1991

- The Dead Sea Scrolls are made available to the public for the first time.