

Three die in Delta crash, alleged cop's killers arrested

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Police have arrested some gunmen who invaded a police checkpoint in Ogwashi-Uku community in the Aniocha South Local Government Area of Delta State and stabbed to death an inspector, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Mohammed Inuwa, has said.

Gunmen attacked policemen on routine 'Stop and search' duty along Obasanajo Farms in the community on Thursday during which an inspector was stabbed to death and some others sustained bodily injuries.

Also, three persons were reportedly dead and eight others injured following a lone accident involving a Delta transport company bus at Utulu Junction along Asaba-Onitsha Expressway area of the state.

Inuwa on Saturday stated that some of the masterminds of the attack had been arrested by the police.

The CP in a telephone interview with one of our correspondents said, "We got two of them already and we are making progress on how to get others. Our men were attacked two days ago. We are making progress. We have got two of those who carried out the act and making progress on how to get others. They stabbed an inspector who is now dead."

Also, *Sunday PUNCH* gathered that the road accident in the state occurred around 5pm.

It was learnt that the bus was coming from Onitsha area of the road in a high speed when its tyre got deflated and the driver could no longer control the vehicle thus crashing it into the bush.

Confirming the accident, the state Sector Commander, Federal Road Safety Corps, Mr Ocheja Ameh, said only the bus crashed.

He said, "I confirmed from my men. It's true because an hour ago I passed through the road and there was no accident there. But my men later briefed me on the incident.

"It was a bus belonging to a Delta transport company that got involved in a lone accident. Its tyre busted and he could not control it and later crashed into the bush leaving three dead and eight injured.

"Two males and a woman died in the accident. Eight people who were injured during the crash have been rushed to a hospital for treatment. It is an unfortunate incident and that's why we appeal to motorists to reduce their speed limit so that in case of accident, the vehicle can't be controlled."