## Okowa mourns as three security aides killed by gunmen

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From the left: Obuh, Nwadiokwu and Aleh. Photo: Friday Olokor

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The Vice-Presidential Candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party and Governor of Delta State, Ifeanyi Okowa, has commiserated with the Delta Police Command and families of policemen killed by gunmen in Anambra State.

The cops, Inspectors Lucky Aleh; Celestine Nwadiokwu and Jude Obuh, who were attached to the Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit at the Government House, Asaba, were ambushed and killed on Friday by gunmen along Ihiala-Orlu Road, en route to Umuahia on official duty.

The state Commissioner for Information, Mr Charles Aniagwu, who disclosed this on Saturday, said the officers would be greatly missed for their contributions to the peace and development of Delta.

He described the killing as barbaric and unacceptable in a country seeking to be united again for peace and development

"We bring you the sad news of our very gallant officers who helped us in maintaining peace in our state attached to the Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit in Government House, Asaba.

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"The officers met their untimely death while they were proceeding as an advanced team for the PDP national campaign rally in Abia. Unfortunately, this particular team veered off from the convoy and took another route different from where the convoy was taking.

"They were ambushed along the Ihiala-Orlu Road en route to Umuahia by non-state actors, who eventually killed three of them in police uniform while the one on mufti escaped. We have recovered their corpses and we have also reached out to their families,"

He said some accounts of the incident trending on social media were untrue, adding that the state government delayed announcing their deaths because efforts were being made to reach out to their families.

He called on security agencies to fish out the killers and bring them to justice.