

Fish out DPO's killers,

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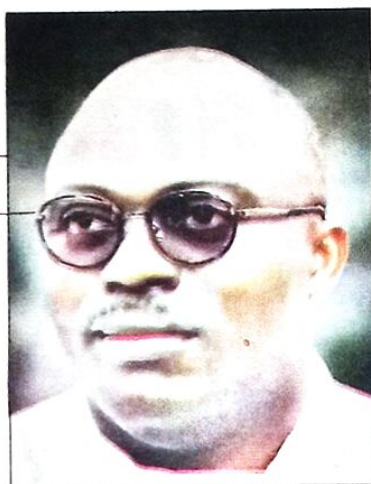
RIVERS State Governor, Sir Siminalayi Fubara, met with heads of security agencies in the state, charging them to smoke out the killers of the Divisional Police Officer of Ahoada, late Bako Angbashim, who was brutally murdered by a gang of criminals on Friday.

The governor specifically urged the security agencies to get the prime suspect, Gift Okpara Okpolowu, at all cost as a clear statement that the state was not a safe haven for criminals.

Fubara stated this while briefing Government House press corps shortly after an emergency Security Council Meeting in Port Harcourt on Sunday.

This was contained in a statement by the media aide to the governor, Boniface Onyedi, and sent to correspondents in the state.

According to the statement, Fubara, who described the incident as unfortunate and barbaric, sympathised with the Nigeria Police and the family of the slain senior police officer, even as he vowed to make Rivers State unsafe for criminal activities and gangs.



• Rivers Governor Siminalayi Fubara. Source: File •Late DPO, Bako Angbashim.



While expressing confidence in the ability of the security agencies to apprehend the culprits, he said a bounty had been placed on them, while pointing out that Rivers State had never been a "safe haven for criminals."

The governor stated, "It is really unfortunate that in our state where we are doing everything to reduce crime rate, a group of

miscreants portray the state as being unsafe. We honestly feel very sad over this incident.

"As a government, we will not rest until whoever is responsible for this act is brought to book. We have gone further to show our commitment on this issue by placing a bounty on the criminals and also suspended the traditional ruler of that locality."

Among those present at the emergency security meeting were 6 Division Garrison Commander, Nigerian Army, Brig. Gen. E. U. Effiong; Commander 115, Special Operation; Group Captain A. H. Idris; Commander, Nigeria Navy Ship, Commodore D.O.C. Igbo; and the state Police Commissioner, Emeka Nwonyi.

Six suspects arrested

Fubara tells police, others

Meanwhile, the state Police Command said six suspects had been arrested in connection with the gruesome murder of Superintendent Angbashim.

This was as our correspondent

gathered that Odumude community in Ahoada East LGA, where Angbashim was captured by the miscreants and his body decapitated had been deserted following a raid led by the

Commissioner of Police, Emeka Nwonyi, on Saturday.

Confirming the arrest in a statement on Sunday, the Command's spokesperson, Grace Iringe-Koko, explained

that the operation on Saturday, which comprised the CP's management team and tactical units, was to recover the mutilated remains of the slain DPO.

NDLEA seizes 399 explosives, illicit drugs, grandma, others arrested

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NO fewer than 399 pieces of improvised explosive devices were recovered by operatives of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency from one Asana Leke, 39, along Mokwa-Jebba Road on Thursday, September 7.

The suspect, who said the explosives were handed to him at a park in Ibadan, Oyo State, to be delivered to someone in Kaduna, had since, alongside the exhibits, been transferred to the military authorities in Niger State.

Apart from the various drug control efforts, the NDLEA state commands and other formations also continued the anti-narcotics agency's war against drug abuse advocacy campaigns in schools, worship places, palaces and local communities amongst others.

The spokesperson for the NDLEA, Femi Babafemi, made

the development known on Sunday in an official email received by PUNCH Metro.

He also noted that NDLEA operatives intercepted consignments of skunk concealed in tomato pastes, and methamphetamine hidden in used clothes meant for export to Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

"While the skunk in tomato pastes consignment weighing 20kgs was intercepted on Friday, September 8, at the SAHCO export shed of the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja, the meth shipment with a gross weight of 1.60kg was seized at a courier company in Lagos.

"Another consignment of 556 grammes of Canadian Loud sent from Canada to one Tunji Adebayo in Ikorodu, Lagos, was also intercepted by NDLEA officers of the Directorate of Operations and General Investigation, attached to courier firms.

"Though Adebayo was not



• Some of the items seized by NDLEA officials. Source: NDLEA

Muhammad Aliyu, 38, and Abdullahi Zakariya, 40, were arrested in Zaria-Kano Road and Haye Arewa, Hoto, Kano, respectively with over 426.5 kilogrammes of skunk on Tuesday, September 5.

While Onyeka Uzor, 25, was arrested at Idemili, Anambra State, with 64.8kgs skunk and Tramadol, another suspect, Destiny Irabor, was nabbed on Friday, September 8, with over 180kgs of opioids loaded in his Toyota Sienna bus.

In Kaduna, two suspects;

cannabis along Kano-Nguru Road, Nguru, Yobe State, while in Imo State, 200 blocks of the same substance weighing 57kgs were recovered from Usim Orji, 45, along Aba-Owerri road on Wednesday, September 6.

After over two months of surveillance, NDLEA operatives on Wednesday, September 6, arrested a wanted kingpin, Idoko Ifesinachi, 40, linked to the importation of 76.9kgs of Canadian Loud intercepted in a container marked MSDU6686346 at the Port