

Hoodlums kill policeman, Army guns down two in Delta

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Hoodlums suspected to be herdsmen have reportedly killed a Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sunday Okoebor, in the Koka area of Asaba, the Delta State capital.

Parading the suspects on Tuesday at the 63 Brigade headquarters, Asaba, the Army Chief of Staff, 63 Brigade, Col. Ibrahim Gambari, confirmed the killing of the police officer.

Gambari said there was exchange of gunfire between the police/Operations Delta Hawk and the bandits which resulted to the killing of two criminal suspects.

The army officer said Operations Still Water operatives were drafted to the scene following information received from the victims.

He said, “At about 3am on Tuesday, we received information that criminals were operating at Koka junction area in Asaba.

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“Our troops and Delta Hawk moved to the area and on getting there, we had an encounter with the criminals.

“In the process, two of the criminals were shot but the suspects had already killed DSP Sunday Okoebor attached to the Delta State Police Command while other suspects escaped with a pump action.

“We raided the area and arrested 125, out of which their victims identified eight as criminals terrorising the area.

However, it was learnt that the suspects and items recovered were handed over by the soldiers to the police for prosecution.