

# Constable Murdered

**A**nambra State Police Command says it has made some arrests over the gruesome murder of a police constable attached to the Ekwulobia Division.

The constable (name withheld) was kidnapped and killed on Sunday at Fegge, Onitsha, where he had gone to recover his motorcycle.

His murder brought the number of policemen killed since the beginning of the Onitsha crisis to four.

Addressing newsmen yesterday in Awka, the Deputy Commissioner of Police in Anambra, Mr. Musa Bello, said the constable, residing at Fegge, was kidnapped on Sunday by hoodlums suspected to be members of MASSOB.

Bello said the command got a distress call from the divisional police officer (DPO) of Fegge station following complaints by the wife of the constable that her husband was missing.

On receipt of the DPO's call, a police/military team was detailed to search for the constable but unfortunately on Monday morning, his corpse was discovered at Silas Works Road, Onitsha, the enclave of MASSOB.

"This is the fourth police officer killed by MASSOB boys in two weeks but we are tackling them.

"The pressure has reduced now; they are now on the defensive. We are poised to flush out anything called MASSOB or such unlawful groups.

"The case of this constable is unfortunate. I do not want to tell you his name because his wife has not been informed yet," the deputy commissioner said.

Bello said the wife had complained to the DPO at Fegge that her husband on Sunday went to recover his motorcycle that went bad in Fegge town and never returned.

"At that point we ordered our joint team to go and search for him, but unfortunately we discovered his body," he said.

Bello further said the DPOs at Awada and the Central Police Station in Onitsha had been redeployed as a result of allegations of bribery, extortion and corruption levelled against them.

He said the command was poised to deal with any DPO or area commander involved in corruption or sharp practices.

"When we assumed office in Anambra two weeks ago, we held a comprehensive lecture with all DPOs and area commanders and told them that our administration will have zero tolerance for corruption.

"Any DPO or area commander who allows his boys to be involved in corruption will be dealt with," he warned.