



Catholic Archbishop of Onitsha, Most Rev. Valerian Okeke (4th-r) and the Bishop of Belleville, U.S., Most Rev. Edward Braxton, with new priests at the 2013 ordination of Priests in Onitsha, Anambra, yesterday

Police orderly killed as gunmen abduct DESOPADEC official in Edo

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A Police Orderly attached to an official of the Delta State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission (DESOPADEC) was yesterday shot dead by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers in Edo State.

Three occupants of a tipper lorry also sustained injuries from bullets fired by the kidnappers.

The policeman was said to have been killed while attempting to prevent the kidnappers from abducting his boss.

The DESOPADEC official was travelling along the Benin-Lagos bye-pass road when his vehicle was attacked by the kidnappers who apparently had been trailing them.

He was later taken away by the kidnappers but one of the abductors was said to have been shot dead by the policeman before he was killed.

The kidnappers were said to

have carried out the operation in a Toyota Sienna bus.

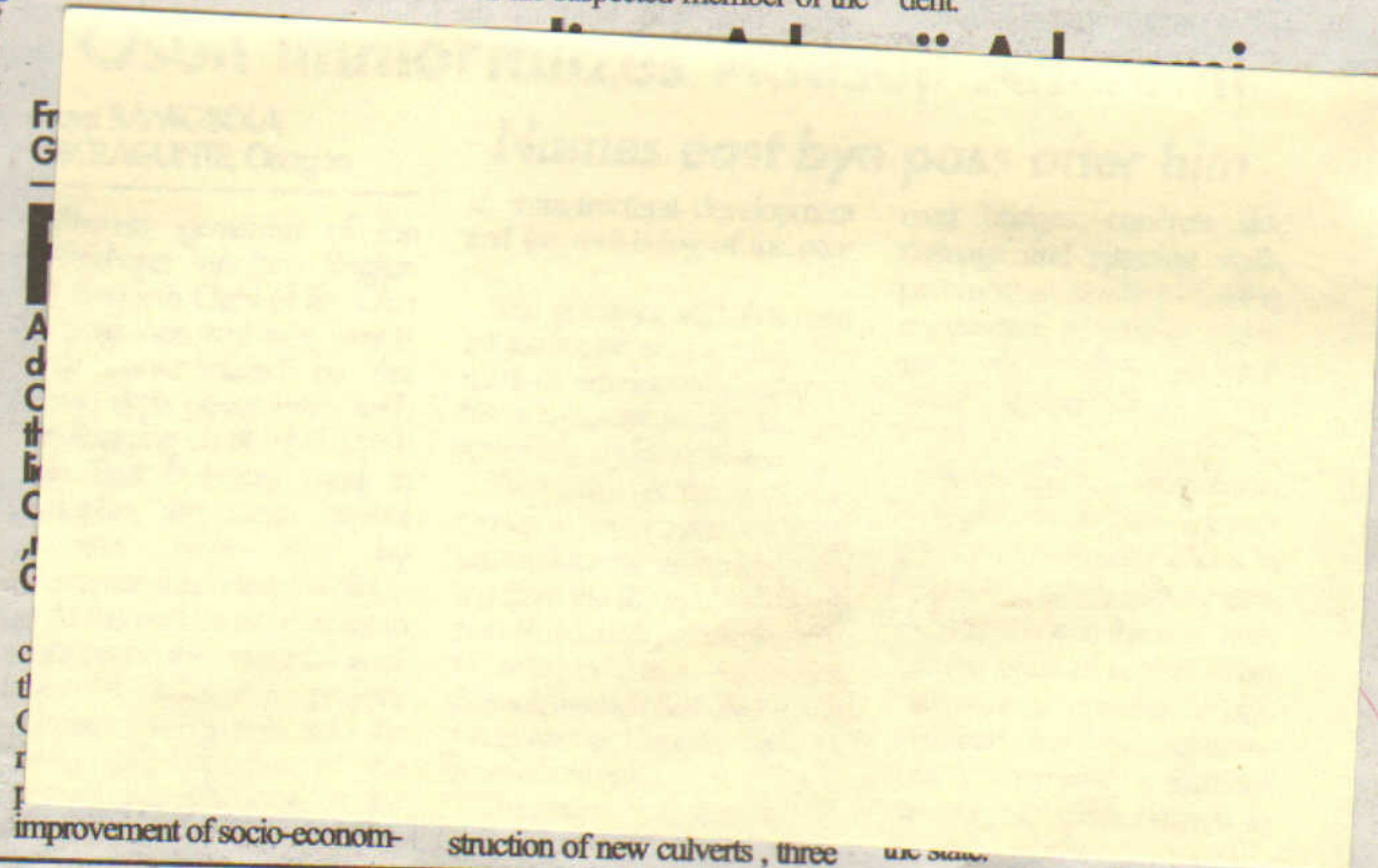
One of the injured occupants of the tipper lorry told journalists at the Central Hospital, Benin, that they were hit by bullets fired by the kidnappers.

"We were driving when they blocked the Toyota Camry. They fired shots and we were hit. My hand is gone," he said.

The bodies of the police orderly who was shot in the head that of the suspected member of the

kidnappers were brought to Central Hospital yesterday.

When contacted Edo State Police Command Spokesman, DSP Moses Eguaveon said he was yet to be briefed on the incident.



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