

• Divisional Director, Globacom, South-East, Mr. Michael Ehumadu (2nd left); Obiora Onyerara, Glo Business Director, Anambra State; the Ogene Onira of Onitsha, Prof. Ngozi Okafor and the Ojiba of Onitsha, Chief Gabriel Emodi, shortly after signing a MoU in Onitsha last Friday.

... As police kill kidnapper in Aba

From OKEY
SAMPSON, Aba

One of the suspected kidnappers terrorizing the commercial city of Aba, Abia State, has met his Waterloo as he was shot dead at the weekend by the police.

Making this known while addressing newsmen in his office, the Aba Area Commander of the Nigeria Police, Rabiun Dayi, said at about 12.30pm last Saturday, his command received a distress call from one pastor who lives on Ogbonna Street in the Over Rail area of the city, that some kidnappers had invaded their house to abduct one Kelvin, son of a pastor, who had just returned from China.

According to Dayi, four hoodlums had swooped on the house of their victim, the previous day and the pastor prevailed on them to leave his son after parting with N270,000.

The kidnappers were said to have demanded an additional N2 million but after much pleading, they reduced the ransom to N1 million and it was agreed they should come the next day to pick the money.

The Area Commander said at about 12.30pm the following day (Saturday), the hoodlums returned in a yellow Hiace bus with the inscription 'OC in Aba' apparently to collect the money.

While the unwanted visitors waited for the loot, the pastor, who had played a good 'host' by offering the kidnappers some drinks, alerted the police, unknown to his guests who were savouring their bottles of beer.

Dayi said policemen drafted from Zone 9 and the Abia State Command Headquarters both in Umuahia, and the Aba Area Command SARS, led by Anari Anari,

later stormed the area and on sighting the team, the gang opened fire and police responded accordingly.

In the ensuing gun duel, one of the kidnappers was shot dead while three others escaped with bullet wounds.

The area commander, who urged doctors in the city and its environs to report anybody with bullet wounds, who comes for treatment, appealed to residents of the city to volunteer information to the police about the activities of criminals in the area. He said police in Aba were ever ready to deal with kidnapping and other sundry crimes which

he said, had reared their ugly heads again in the city.

The pastor, who also spoke to journalists, thanked the police for responding swiftly to his distress call and for saving them from the hands of the hoodlums.

It was gathered that one of the kidnappers was a former student of a polytechnic in the state.

When Daily Sun visited the headquarters of the area command, the corpse of the killed suspected kidnapper was still in a police van waiting to be deposited in a mortuary.

...Arraign fake doctor

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Police in Aba, Abia State have arraigned one Ifeanyichukwu Peter in a Magistrate Court sitting at Osisio-ma for impersonation.

Peter, who was arraigned on a two-count charge of forgery and impersonation, was said to have prior to his arrest, claimed he was a medical

doctor and was working in that capacity at the Seventh Day Adventist Hospital, Ogbo Hill, Aba.

It was gathered that before now, Peter had also worked as a medical doctor at Living Word Hospital but his appointment was terminated after he could not prove beyond doubt that he was a medical doctor.

After his sack at Living Word Hospital, the ac-

cused was employed by Seventh Day Adventist Hospital where he worked until the bubble burst.

It was gathered that Peter was a student of the Abia State School of Health Technology, Aba and had worked in various clinics and hospitals as a para-medic and had flaunted an alleged fake University of Port Harcourt degree in medicine before his arrest.