

an a native of Logo, alleged that the herders who invaded

affected villages had been deserted by resident for fear

Coordinator of Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association,

as he gets information from the area.

Suspected killers of APC leader, 19 others nabbed

From **Tony John**, Port Harcourt

NINETEEN suspected kidnappers have been arrested by the Rivers State police command.

Also, the Command has nabbed one Anthony Ugho in connection with the alleged gruesome murder of Frank Obi, his wife and son in Omoku, Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area, at the weekend

Similarly, Police arrested one Ndubuisi Tochi for allegedly killing Ofinjite Amachree, in Buguma, Asari-Toru Local Government Area of the state.

Late Obi and Amachree were said to be chieftains of All Progressives Congress (APC) in their respective Local Government Areas.

The State Commissioner of Police, Musa Kimo noted that there had been spike in violent crimes, particularly

'wanton killings of innocent citizens' in the state and condemned such heinous acts.

The state Police boss killing clarified that the murder of Amachree in Buguma was purely a murder case and not clash, as was insinuated.

He said: "I'm deeply saddened by these tragic and senseless killings, while my heart bleeds and sincere condolence goes to the bereaved families. We must realise that violence is never and will

never be a solution to any problem.

"Both suspects are now undergoing interrogation and giving us useful information that will ultimately lead to the arrest of their accomplices".

He further said that in February, 33 armed robbers were arrested; five were killed during gun duel with the police as well as eight kidnappers.

"Five kidnap victims were rescued. Items recovered within the month under review were 387 arms and ammunition, as well as three vehicles."

Kimo appealed to members of the public to cooperate with the police by offering useful information for effective and prompt policing.

He lamented that the assassination of Obi and his family members would have been averted, if members of the public had alerted the police, after they noticed two masked men in the locality.

Son kills father, buries him in pit

From **Geoffrey Anyanwu**, Awka

A man in his 60s, Mr. Charles Maduekwe, of Umuajani village of Umu-dioka in Dunukofia Local Government of Anambra State has been killed by his only child and buried in a shallow pit.

Emeka, the killer son, who committed the crime is a self-acclaimed pastor who operates a chapel in his father's house.

Though, he committed the crime about two weeks ago, his evil deed was exposed, Sunday night as people of the village; especially, youths challenged him about the sudden disappearance of his father from the village.

The 22-year-old Emeka, who is now cooling off his heels at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Awka, after he was rescued from the hands of the youths who had wanted

to lynch him, was said to have killed his father and buried him in a pit he dug beside his (Emeka) altar.

At press time yesterday, the decomposed body of late Charles, was exhumed and reburied under the supervision and direction of officers of SCID amidst tears and curses on the young man but not before some traditional rituals were performed to appease the gods of the land.