

# Crime, Court & Living

## One killed, two arrested as police smash robbery gang

From Femi Folaranmi, Yenagoa

**THE** Bayelsa State Police command has killed one suspected armed robber and arrested two members of a notorious gang, fingered in the killing of a Igbo businessman, Ejike Agodo.

Agodo, owner of the popular Omars boutique in Yenagoa was shot in the early hours of Monday in the presence of his new wife by the four-man gang that invaded his house.

Agodo's death which was coming on the heels of the killing of another Igbo trader, Ugo Best, had provoked protest by Igbo traders in Yenagoa on Monday to the Police Headquarters over the target of Igbo traders by armed men.

Investigations revealed that the deceased had made a call to the emer-

gency number of the Police patrol team which ran into the gang as they were leaving the area.

The patrol team trailed them to the Ox-Bow lake area of Yenagoa where they engaged in a shootout and the police killed one of them, while two were arrested and one escaped.

One of the robbers, who is an Hausa man was shot dead. While two others, an Igbo man and a native of Delta State were arrested. The dead robber, before he died told one of the patrol officers in Hausa language that the leader of the team and person who identified the house of the Igbo trader for attack was an Epie indigene and resident of the Amarata community.

The spokesman of the State Police Command, Asinim Butswat, confirmed the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of four locally made pistols.

## Robbers invade UN office in Lafia

From Murphy Ganagana, Jos

**Unidentified** persons suspected to be armed robbers, broke into a United Nations (UN) office in Nasarawa State, and allegedly carted away properties.

The facility, popularly known as UN House, is located on Shendam Road in Lafia, the state capital, was reportedly invaded by the robbers at about 8.30pm on Tuesday.

Sources said the hoodlums went away with three laptops, one Glo Modem bag, four packets of juice and water.

It was learnt that three security guards attached to the office have been arrested by the police, and are being detained at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) of the state police command.

Spokesman of the command, ASP Samaila Numan, who confirmed the incident, said it was reported to the police by the officials of the financial unit of an agency of the World Bank who are among those occupying the building.

Numan gave assurance that the police would do everything possible to unveil the perpetrators of the act.

Meanwhile, two police Inspectors were, same day, brutally attacked with machetes by unknown persons while returning to their base from the police command headquarters in Minna, Niger State.

The victims, Inspectors Yakubu Abdulahi and Ali Anawo, were said to have received severe machete cuts, and are presently receiving treatment at the General Hospital in Wushishi.

Reports said Inspector Abdulahi had led some policemen to the state command headquarters for an Orderly Room trial and was returning to his base Tuesday, when they were attacked at about 7.30am.

It was further learnt that the assailants dispossessed their victims of their mobile telephone handsets and N7,000.

Police Public Relation Officer for Niger State, ASP Bala Elkana, could not be reached for comments as at press time, as calls to his phone were unanswered, but a reliable senior officer confirmed the incident.

## Traders besiege court to protest

## Mother daughter