

Also, four inmates are serving life sentences. He disclosed this to Governor

rapists are awaiting trial. Earlier, the Controller-General of Prison, Ja'afaru

Dankwambo administration for the face-lift of the prison which was built in

cells for VIPs and provision of drugs and beddings.

He announced that the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) has approved a study centre for inmates in the state, waiving both the registration and tuition fees for prospective students.

Responding, Governor Dankwambo, while lamenting the condition of the facility, appealed to the inmates to take advantage of the opportunity to improve on their education with a view to turning a new leaf.

He directed his commissioners to attend to the plight of the prisoners regarding the provision of drinking water, light, bathing soaps among other essentials.

He donated one cow, food items as well as blankets, clothing and germicides to the prisoners, promising that based on the prerogative of mercy, his administration would release some inmates on October 1.

## 1 Ebonyi murder: Police arrest 7 suspects

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...Gov Umahi warns warring communities

**SEVEN** persons suspected to be members of the dreaded Special Committee on Forest have been arrested over the murder of one Ndubuisi Nwali Nwekediangu in Ezza-Effium, Ohaukwu council area of Ebonyi State.

The killing almost led to another bloody communal clash between Effium and Ezza Effium.

The Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. George Okafor, confirmed the arrest of suspects.

Also, the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, for Effium, Mr Ibrahim Imam, a Superintendent, confirmed the arrest of seven persons including Friday, the prime suspect.

Imam, while addressing Governor David Umahi, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government (SSG), Prof Ben Odoh and the people of Umuezeokoha Ezza-Effium during the governor's visit to the parents of the deceased, said the prime suspect was arrested on Sunday and had been transferred to the command headquarters.

Earlier, Governor Umahi expressed concern over the incident, warning that the state government will get to the root of the incident while calling on both communities to live in peace as investigation into

the murder had commenced.

He commended the prompt intervention of the police command led by the Commissioner, Mrs. Peace Ibekwe Abdallah, whom he said relocated to the community immediately the crisis broke out to ensure that there was no

break-down of law and order.

There was tension when three persons identified as Double, Friday and Kpokponki allegedly shot and killed Nwekediangu at Ngamgbo-Ariom area. He was going for a burial. His kinsmen from Ezza demanded justice.



• Suspected armed robbers arrested recently by the Lagos State Police Command. Photos: Chris Oji

about 8:30 pm yesterday (Sunday)