

## Notorious kidnapper, Isoakpafid, from Akwa Ibom, killed in Rivers

From **Joe Effiong**, Uyo

A notorious armed robber and assassin, responsible for scores of deaths in Ukanafun Local Government Area and some adjoining councils of Akwa Ibom State, Akaninyene Jumbo Uko, has been killed by men of the Military Task Force.

Uko, who was popularly known as Isoakpafid from Ikot Ibekwe village in the Ukanfun Local Government Area, has been on the wanted list of the police for some months now.

The late criminal kingpin was declared wanted by the Akwa Ibom State Police Command in October 2017 for his involvement in a series of kidnappings and killings in the area.

Daily Sun learned that the notorious kidnapper was killed in Okrika, Rivers State by the soldiers and his corpse taken first to the state police headquarters in Ikot Akpan Abia, Uyo Local Government Area, and thereafter deposited in the mortuary of the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital.

It was learnt that he had been leading other notorious criminal elements to most villages in Ukanafun and Etim Ekpo within the last two years; stealing, killing, maiming, kidnapping and sacking members of communities.

So many people including the former deputy speaker of the Akwa Ibom State House of Assembly, Obong Okon Uwah, and even a sister to Mr. Udo Ekpenyong, the erstwhile commissioner for local government and chieftaincy affairs sacked last week by Governor Udom Emmanuel, have so far been killed while not less than 100 persons, mostly teachers and civil servants in the area have been kidnapped by the gang.

Efforts to reach the military commander in-charge of the operation and the public relations unit of the state police command were unsuccessful as at the time of filing this report.

## Ugborodo community backs Buhari on maritime varsity

From **Femi Folaranmi**, Yenagoo

**PEOPLE** of Ugborodo community in Warri South West Local Government Area of Delta State have backed President Muhammadu Buhari on the current location of the Nigerian Maritime