

• A scene of accident along Lagos/Abeokuta Expressway, Casio busstop, Lagos, yesterday.

Photo: Temitope Aina

Gunmen kill Air Force officer, contractor

From **Magnus Eze** and **Raphael Ede**, Enugu

BLOODY clash was on Monday averted between personnel of the Nigerian Air Force and the Nigeria Police Force, Enugu Command, following alleged killing of an Air Force officer at a traffic point along the Enugu-Onitsha expressway. This came as suspected assassins killed a popular businessman in Enugu State, Johnbull Agu.

The slain contractor, whose company did some work at the Milliken Hill road recently reconstructed and inaugurated by the Enugu State government, was said to have been trailed by his killers from a popular shopping mall, where he and his family had gone shopping last Sunday.

The police have confirmed the two incidents.

It was gathered that the hoodlums blocked Agu's car, took them hostage and drove to the foot of the hilly road where they stopped before taking Agu to the portion of the road allegedly reconstructed by his company.

Our source said that it was at this point that they asked him, "where is our share

of the money?" amid pleas from the man and his wife. The assailants, numbering three, reportedly took two of his ATM cards and asked for the PIN numbers. Thereafter, they moved aside and had a brief discussion before one of them ordered that they should complete the 'job'.

Police sources said that the killers asking the contractor for their share of the money indicated that it might have been the fallout of a business relationship gone awry. The gang was also said to have shot the wife in the hand.

Confirming the incidents, the Enugu State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Danmallam, said that his command was doing everything to uncover those behind the killings. Danmallam, who said that Agu's wife was being stabilised in hospital, also dismissed insinuations of police involvement in the killing of the airman, because no policeman was on duty at the scene of the incident.

Danmallam, however, said that the police were working closely with the Air Force to fish out the assailants.

Police arrest man for impregnating daughter

From **Laide Raheem**, Abeokuta

POLICE in Ogun State have arrested a 45-year-old man, Julius Ochim, for allegedly impregnating his daughter. The suspect, according to a statement by the spokesperson of the police command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, was arrested following a complaint by his daughter, who reported at Sagamu Police Division that her father had been sleeping with her since 2009 when she lost her mother.

She alleged that she was impregnated by her father and eventually gave birth to a baby girl three years ago. The victim also said that her father used to threaten her with 'spiritual implications,' if she refused to let him sleep with her.

"Upon the receipt of the report, the DPO in charge of Sagamu Division, CSP Aduroja

Moses, led detectives to the residence of the man, where he was promptly arrested. On interrogation, the suspect confessed to the crime but blamed it on the Devil. He told the police that he has been sleeping with the girl since the demise of his wife, adding that he started having problems with the girl when she started going out with another person whom she said she wanted to get married to.

"He further confessed that he was trying to prevent the girl from getting married so as to continue having his way with her," the PPRO said.

The commissioner of police, Ahmed Iliyasu, has directed that the suspect should be transferred to Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Labour Unit of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution.

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