

① Police Inspector, another killed by gunmen, cultists in Anambra

From **Obinna Odogwu,**
Awka

GUNMEN, yesterday, attacked Ojoto Police Division in Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State, killing a police inspector. The attackers were said to have stormed the area in three Sienna cars.

② Also, suspected cultists gunned down one person in front of Keke NAPEP Park near Bus Stand at the popular UNIZIK Junction, Awka, the state capital.

The Awka incident, Daily Sun gathered, happened at about 2:15pm. It was not clear what led to the killing, but it was said to have been carried out by suspected cultists.

Efforts to get clearer pictures of what transpired at the two locations proved abortive as the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, DSP Ikenga Tochukwu, did not pick calls to his phone.

However, a senior police

source confirmed the Ojoto incident to newsmen, saying that the state police command was deeply saddened by the ugly

development.

The source said that the police commissioner, CP Chris Owolabi, was preparing to visit

the scene as at the time of filing this report, adding that concerted efforts were being made to beef up security in the state.

NSCDC boss orders state commandants to set up rapid

From **Joseph Inekotong,** Abuja

THE Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Dr. Ahmed Abubabar Audi, has ordered the immediate set-up of Rapid Response Squad (RRS) in all the State Commands of the Corps across the country.

The CG gave the matching order during an orientation programme organised for the newly promoted Commandants and serving State Commandants at the National Headquarters of the Corps as part of efforts to rejig the activities of the organisation and enhance the capabilities of officers and men in the states.

In a statement issued Thurs-

day by DCC Olusola Odumosu Director, Public Relations NSCDC NHQ, Dr. Audi said the order became imperative to replicate his creation of the Rapid Response Squad in every state command to respond to all forms of crime and criminalities in real and quick time.

This, he added, is to ensure prompt and timely intervention in times of emergencies, disasters and unforeseen security breaches.

The NSCDC boss also maintained that the confidence reposed on the Corps by the Commander in Chief, President Muhammadu Buhari and the Nigerian citizens must be sustained and improved upon.

He charged the State Commandants to beef up security

in their respective States to forestall any breakdown of law and order before, during and after the Democracy Day celebration.

In his words "power is not a gift but a responsibility and to whom much is given much is expected; you must be determined to clamp down on all bad elements in your area of assignment and avoid any tribal, religious and ethnic sentiment to justify your posting and prove your competence".

He urged the Commandants to ensure the RRS adhere to all Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in line with International Best Practices and should rejuvenate the intelligence gathering capabili-