

Gunmen kill 3 policemen, one other in Delta

• 6 arrested over murder of prince

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THREE policemen were killed, yesterday, in an early morning attack by unknown gunmen, at a checkpoint along the Obeti/Oliogo Road, in Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State.

Apart from the killing, the hoodlums set ablaze the patrol vehicle, a Toyota Sienna, that was recently donated to the police.

Local sources said the hoodlums laid ambush for the officers, and immediately unleashed the attack before the victims could settle down after arriving at the checkpoint.

"Three police officers attached to the Umutu Divisional Police Headquarters were attacked and killed on arrival at a checkpoint between Obeti and Oliogo in Ukwuani.

"They were burnt beyond recognition in their patrol Toyota Sienna," a source said.

Acting Public Relations Officer of Delta State Police Command, DSP Bright Edefe, confirmed the killing, but said he had no further details.

"What I can say now is that three policemen were killed and the vehicle burnt. I don't have other details," Edefe said.

Meanwhile, Edefe said operatives of the command,

in conjunction with vigilante members, killed a suspected member of an armed robbery, in Obogo, Udu Local Government Area of the state.

He said the suspect died at the hospital after he sustained injuries during a fierce gunshot exchange at the community, where the gang was operating before the security team arrived following a distressed call.

Edefe said the command also made a breakthrough in the case involving the murder of a prince in Orhuwhorun, Eric Takerere and two mobile policemen on escort duty, during an attack which also left Eric's brother, Franklyn, critically injured.

He said six persons were arrested, on Tuesday, in addition to two other suspects earlier in July this year, in connection with the royal murder.

He listed the six suspects as 36-year-old Onoriode Shefo, aka Chikago, 30-year-old Omagbeosa Sholla, 30-year-old Godwin Obukoemu, aka Million, 34-year-old Ejime Mugagbam, 24-year-old Ejiroghenen Nushe and 28-year-old Egbo Monday.

Edefe said the earlier suspects, Godspower Agabarhayowe, aka Ganagana and Tony Edwin, both 27 years old, led operatives of the State Anti-kidnapping and Cyber Crime Squad (SAKCCS) to their hideouts in the Udu, Warri and Aladja areas where the latest six suspects were nabbed.

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oke, former attorney-general of the federation, was forged.

Adoke was said to have communicated with JP Morgan, the US investment bank, in June 2011, over the OPL 245 transaction between Malabu Oil & Gas Ltd, Shell and Eni.

He was accused of communicating via the address of a company owned by Aliyu Abubakar, who was also on trial in Italy.

The e-mail was intended to support the claim that there was corruption, alleging that Adoke and Abubakar "worked

together" on the deal.

Adoke had discredited the e-mail, saying he was no longer minister as of the date it was sent and had no reason to use another person's email address.

The former AGF also debunked claims he had a phone conversation with an Italian journalist in 2017, where he was said to have acknowledged that the OPL245 deal was a scam.

Adoke said the phone conversation was stage-managed, adding that he was on self-exile at the time and had stopped using a Nigerian line since June 2015.