

Police arrest 2 suspects over killing of 3 officers in Delta

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The Delta State Police Command yesterday said two suspects have been arrested in connection with the killing of three officers at Okpanam in Oshimili North Local Government Area, last Sunday.

The three officers were killed in an ambush by gunmen while they were going to respond to a distressed call, police authorities had stated.

Confirming the arrest of the two suspects, Public Relations Officer of the command, DSP Bright Edafe, in a statement, yesterday, said operatives were closing in on the other members of the gang.

He did not, however, give details of how the arrests were made, but debunked claims in some quarters that a 6-to-6 curfew had been declared in Okpanam, where the officers were killed, to enable security officers carry out their job.

“This is not only laughable, but completely ridiculous, and a lie put up by some mischievous persons to cause confusion among residents of the community.

“The command wishes to emphatically state that there is no curfew declared in Okpanam community; and, as a matter of fact, Okpanam community is calm and two suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident that led to the death of three policemen, in the early hours of Sunday, 24/7/2022, and the command is closing up on the other members of the gang.

“The Commissioner of Police, Delta State, Ari Muhammed Ali, is assuring members of the public, particularly residents of Okpanam community, that they should go about their lawful business(es) without fear as the command is not only able and willing, but also committed to the protection life and property in the state,” Edafe stated.