

Wanted gang leader killed in Delta

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A leader of suspected gang of robbers in Orogun area of Delta State, Bobo Ononibe, has been killed during an exchange of gun fire with police operatives.

Ononibe who sustained injuries during the gun duel, was confirmed dead at the hospital.

Delta State Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Bright Edafe, said members of the gang have been on the wanted list of the command since June, 2022 when one of the gang's operation was foiled.

According to Edafe, the police acted on a tip off that the suspected robbers had gathered within Unukpo-Orogun palm tree plantation, and mobilized to the scene to forestall another attack.

"As they were approaching the scene, the hoodlums opened fire on the police and the police equally responded.

"The hoodlums took to flight due to the superior fire power of the police, but during the ensuing gun duel, the gang leader, Bobo Ononibe, 26, sustained serious gunshot injuries.

"He was taken to the hospital where he was later certified dead by the doctor on duty. One locally made gun, three cartridges, one machete, one dagger, native charms, among others were recovered. Efforts

are on to arrest the fleeing members of the gang," he said.

Edafe also confirmed the death of another suspect who was mobbed by residents of Ewherhe community in Agbarho.

He said the late suspect was caught robbing along Ewher-

he/Ovu road with one locally made double barrel gun, and one live cartridge, some suspected stolen items including one Iphone 11 pro-max, one hp laptop, one mp3 player and cash sum of N8,220. He said upon being caught, residents descended on him, adding

that before the police could get to scene to rescue him, the mob dispersed, leaving the suspect badly wounded.

"Although the suspect was rescued, and taken to the hospital, he died while receiving treatment. Investigation is ongoing," he added.

Auction: 19 bidders emerge in final bids for forfeited properties

AS the curtain is drawn on the ongoing sales of forfeited properties, nineteen (19) successful fresh bids were recorded on Monday, January 16, 2023, being the final day of the sales.

The properties were forfeited to the government, being proceeds of crime established through judicial processes by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

During Monday's bidding exercise, there were fresh bids for all the unsold properties in Lot 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 where 19 successful bidders emerged.

In his closing remarks, Secretary to the Commission, George Ekpungu who spoke through the Director of Proceeds of Crime Department, Yusuf Aliu, thanked all the participants and congratulated the winners.

"I want to appreciate you for making this exercise a success, I congratulate the winners, I want to also ask them to cooperate by making payments before 15 days, else we will give it to the next highest bidders. As

for the ones we couldn't conclude today, we will get back to the public on our decision on them, thank you," he said.

One of the winners, Henry Udemé, commended the Commission: "The exercise today is commendable, I have been coming here since last

week to represent my boss but we won today. I like the fact that it is transparent, I want the EFCC to extend this transparency to help other areas of Nigeria, because so many people are looking up to the Commission. Keep up the good work," he said.

1 shot as police clash with traders in Lagos

ONE person sustained gunshot injury yesterday, during in a clash between Police and traders at Alaba Rago Market, Ojo, Lagos State.

It was gathered that the clash started after police officers from Okokomaiko Division stormed the market to effect the arrest of a suspect.

Daily Sun gathered further, that some traders obstructed the officers from carrying out their official duty.

The resistance eventually resulted into a clash in which one person was injured.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) SP

Benjamin Hundeyin, said that the police, who went to the market to arrest a suspect, shot in a bid to retreat from attack.

"The policemen of Okokomaiko Division today went into Alaba Rago market to effect arrest of a suspect but came under heavy attack from a large number of traders.

"In a bid to tactically retreat from the armed mob attack, one of the officers fired his weapon, resulting in fatal injury to one of the attackers.

"A detailed investigation has commenced into the immediate and remote causes of the incident," he said.