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Ogun police resc

By **Christopher Oji**

THE police have rescued a journalist who was abducted in Ogun State in Lagos.

The journalist, Oduneye Olusegun, who was kidnapped

Varsity lecturer found dead with multiple stabs in Cross River

THE police in Cross River State has confirmed the recovery of the body of a Professor of Political Science with the University of Calabar (UNICAL), Prof. Felix Akpan.

The state police Spokesperson, Irene Ugbo, who confirmed the incident, said the body was discovered last Sunday with multiple stabs in his apartment at Plot 181, Duke Town Close, State Housing in Calabar. Ugbo said arrests have been made while the matter is still under investigation.

"We have a suspect in custody, who claims to be a friend to the deceased (Prof. Akpan). He said he did not know what happened to him or who stabbed him to death.

"Our crack team of detectives have already swung into action, we will soon get to the root of the matter by unraveling who the killer is," she assured.

Meanwhile, a source, who pleaded anonymity, said the deceased, a former dean of Students Affairs in UNICAL, had a guest on Saturday, but (the guest) left very early on Sunday to Akampka before his remains were found.

"He had a male guest who came visiting at the weekend, but the person left very early on Sunday at about 5am.

"A lady who stays in the

compound said she heard a loud scream the same day the visitor who has now been confirmed to be a friend left his apartment, and alerted

people in the neighbourhood about the noise.

"Perhaps, he forgot something that made him come back to the victims' house,

where he was apprehended and taken to Prof's apartment, where we saw the lifeless body of Prof. Akpan with multiple stabs," he said.

Submit reports on electoral violence to INEC for prosecution, IGP tells CPs

From **Molly Kileto**, Abuja

THE Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Baba, has directed state Commissioners of Police (Cps) to hasten investigations into all cases of violence against the 2022 Electoral Act recorded during the February 25, 2023 presidential and National Assembly elections in the country.

The IGP has also directed the police commissioners to submit the report of the outcome of their investigations to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for possible prosecution.

The IGP, who gave the order in Abuja, equally called on the public to collaborate with the police and other law enforcement agencies tasked with election security management, to ensure a hitch-free security architecture for all and sundry, particularly the electorates, accredited observers, INEC officials and materials, so that all citizens can exercise their franchise without molestation, harassment and security threats.

The IGP, in a statement signed by Force Public Relations Officer, Olumiyiwa Adejobi, said: "The Inspector General of Police (IGP), Usman Baba, has directed commissioners of police in charge of State Commands to ensure that investigations in all cases of violations against the 2022 Electoral Act during the February 25, 2023 presidential and National Assembly electioneering process are swiftly concluded and the case files forwarded to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for prosecution.

"In a bid to ensure all-inclusive election security management and accord Nigerians benefits/leverage of active participation, to achieve free, fair, and credible gubernatorial and state Houses of Assembly elections on March 18, 2023, the IGP has tasked strategic police managers to engage stakeholders in their respective jurisdictions through town hall meetings and other viable avenues.

"The Inspector-General of Police has, therefore, urged

well-meaning members of the public to collaborate with the police and other law enforcement agencies tasked with election security management, to ensure a hitch-free security architecture for all and sundry, particularly the electorates, accredited observers, INEC officials and materials, so that all citizens can exercise their franchise without molestation, harassment and security threats."

EFCC secured over

By **Chukwuma Umeorah**

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), under the chairmanship of Abdulrasheed Bawa, has secured over 6,000 convictions, including recovery of cash and assets worth billions of naira, between 2021 and 2022.

This was revealed by the leadership of Campaign for Dignity in Governance (CDG), at a press conference in Lagos, where it commended the resilience of Bawa and the effort of