

Woman sets policewoman, her 2 children ablaze in Anambra

A middle-aged woman has been arrested for allegedly setting a policewoman and her two children ablaze in Nnokwa, Idemili South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The suspect, identified as Nneamaka Nwosu, a native of Amawbia in Awka South Local Government Area of the state, was said to have come in contact with the deceased when she became homeless following a divorce.

A resident of the area, who pleaded anonymity, said the suspect, Nwosu, had gone to live with the policewoman shortly after she became homeless and in dire need of accommodation after her husband sent her out of their home.

"As soon as the husband divorced her, she confided in the policewoman, who benevolently offered her accommodation in her apartment. On that fateful day, she had a quarrel with the policewoman, which led to a fight. She hit the policewoman on the head with a pestle and she fell and became unconscious. She quickly tied the policewoman and her two kids together with a rope inside their room and set them ablaze together with the building," he said.

It was gathered that the suspect was apprehended by local vigilantes and some villagers who were attracted by the fire, while she was trying to escape.

When the vigilantes interrogated her, she initially denied the act, claiming it was a case of gas explosion while the deceased and her children were boiling water. Nwosu later confessed to the crime, attributing it to the handiwork of the devil.

"I did not know what came over me to commit the crime. I deserve to be shot dead for

this wicked act against the person who helped me in my time of need," she said.

Confirming the incident, the Anambra State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, said the suspect had been arrested and the bod-

ies of the policewoman and her children deposited at the mortuary. Ikenga said the case had been transferred to the State Investigation Department (CID) for further investigation and prosecution.

He said: "Preliminary in-

formation reveals that the policewoman accommodated the suspect while she was searching for a house. The two women had a disagreement, which resulted in a fight before the suspect hit the policewoman on her head with a pestle. While she

became unconscious, she tied her with her two kids and set them ablaze. The bodies of the victims have been recovered and deposited in the morgue.

"Further development shall be communicated," Ikenga promised.

2 fishermen lost in Atlantic Ocean found in Bayelsa

From Femi Folaranmi, Yenagoa

TWO fishermen, Antonio Sabino and Osorio Pires, from Neves in São Tomé and Príncipe, lost in the Atlantic Ocean for five days, have been rescued in Brass Council Area of Bayelsa State, Nigeria.

The fishermen, who speak Portuguese, were said to have been rescued by a trawler fishing in the Gulf of Guinea and handed over to fishermen from Okpoama-Brass, who took them ashore.

The fishermen have been handed over to the Divisional Police Officer, Okpoama Division of the Nigeria Police Force, CSP Ebimiesigha Bebetu.

Chairman of the Okpoama Kingdom Security Committee, Chief Muna-layefa William-Sinte, said the highly malnourished men were clothed and fed before they were handed over to the police for necessary action. He said the fishermen, who were visibly worried, were calmed with sign language before they were handed over to the police, as it was impossible to communicate with them because of the language barrier.

Chief Sinte said a fisherman from Ilaje in Ondo State, but resident in Ok-

poama, has been missing for over a week, adding that his colleagues have been searching the ocean for days.

In 2019, bodies of two male fishermen at an advanced stage decomposition were found in a fishing boat that drifted ashore in Okpoama from São Tomé and Príncipe.

Meanwhile, the Bayelsa State Police Command said it was making concerted efforts to reunite them with their families.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Asin-im Butswat, in a statement, said contact has been established with São Tomé and Príncipe.

"The Divisional Police Officer of Okpoama Division, Brass Local Government Area, Bayelsa State has taken custody of two fishermen, who were rescued by a Captain of a fishing trawler 50 nautical miles, off the Atlantic Ocean, on July 2, 2023.

"The two fishermen, Antonio Sabino, 'm' 52 years, and Osorio Pires, 'm' 41 years, from Neves in São Tomé and Príncipe, got lost in the Atlantic Ocean for five days before being rescued by a Captain of a fishing trawler.

"The police authorities have established contact with a coast guard officer from São Tomé and Príncipe and are making concerted effort to reunite them with their family."

Gunmen kill community volunteer guard, kidnap 2 in Benue

From Scholastica Onyeka, Makurdi

GUNMEN suspected to be armed robbers have reportedly killed a personnel of Benue State Community Volunteer Guard in Ugba, Logo Local Government Area of the state.

Daily Sun gathered that the gunmen also abducted two people at the area during their operation.

A source from the area, who pleaded to remain anonymous, said the incident happened around 3pm yesterday, when the gunmen stormed the community in a commando style and attacked the unsuspecting victims.

The source told newsmen in a telephone chat that, yesterday, the gunmen, who

invaded the community around 3pm, launched attacks on a fuel station and some areas in the community.

It was gathered that while the gunmen abducted two people at different areas in the community, they also proceeded to a nearby fuel station, where they robbed their victims of valuables, such as cash and mobile phones, while they also went away with two cars.

The source said: "An officer of Benue State Volunteer Guards in Ugba was shot, while a school proprietor in the town, a woman, was also kidnapped.

"One of the State Volunteer Guards was shot at a checkpoint they mounted to stop the gunmen from escaping, but the injured per-

sonnel has been taken to the General Hospital where he is receiving treatment."

The Public Relations Officer of the State Community Volunteer Guards, Mr Ahokeh Terkimbi, has confirmed the attack on the Ugba community.

He told newsmen on the phone that one of their personnel lost his life in the attack, adding, "my commander just confirmed that one of our personnel died in the incident."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Benue State Command, Catherine Anene, who confirmed the incident, told Daily Sun in a text message that "the DPO confirmed being in pursuit of some armed bandits" at the time of this report.