

Gunmen attack Okomu oil to avenge arrest of 2 suspects —PRO

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Gunmen on Thursday attacked Okomu Oil Palm Company in Ovia South West Local Government Area of Edo State, a day after two suspects were paraded by the State Police Command over their involvement in the February 1 attack, which left two work-

ers dead, and burned down 90 hectares of the rubber and three excavators.

The Company's Communication officer, Fidelis Olise, who made this known on Friday, said the gunmen also carried out an attack on Tuesday making it two attacks in the three days.

Olise stated that the gunmen, who he described as terrorists, carried out the latest attacks in retaliation

of the arrest of two of their supposed members.

He said: "The same terrorists, seemingly angered by the arrest of two of their supposed members carried out further attacks on innocent workers on the Okomu Oil Palm Company's property to avenge the arrest of their accomplices who apparently confessed to the theft of rubber.

"They were arrested by the Marine Police on a boat after it had left the Okomu Ijaw Community on its way to Delta State.

"The killing of innocent workers, who were performing their legitimate duties, and have no conflict or disagreement with any person, is strongly condemned and the powers that be should immediately take action against those terrorists responsible for these murderous crimes.

"Attacks on companies like Okomu are also a serious note for concern as it seems that terrorists are now focusing on these types of establishments, intent on bringing them to their knees, and in so doing creating an environment that could show the Governor Godwin Obaseki-led government as weak.

Buhari's daughter lauds VCDP implementation in Nasarawa

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President Muhammadu Buhari's daughter, Fatima, has expressed happiness with the level of implementation of Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP) in Nasarawa State.

Fatima, who is Market Enterprise Development Adviser of VCDP, gave the commendation yesterday, in Doma, the headquarters of Doma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State, during her visit to inspect the implementation of the programme in the state.

She explained that the visit was to enable her to see face-to-face the level of the implementation and maintenance of the projects carried out in the state.

Fatima said: "We are here to assess the level of implementation of the support mission for our beneficiaries.

"The visit is to check on our project work that we have done and how they are being maintained.

"So far the assessment is very good and the beneficiaries are trying in the maintenance and we might likely come again to help rebuild some of the processing centres."