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**D**etectives attached to the Delta State Police Command have neutralised a suspected armed robber and arrested three others at Okpanam, area of the state.

The State Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe, in a statement yesterday, said on March 4, at about 2:55pm after receiving a distress call, the Delta Hawk Team in collaborating with

## Delta: Police neutralise armed robber, arrest 3 suspects, recover pump action gun, tricycle

the Okpanam Divisional Police Headquarters, proceeded to Marble Hill Junction in response to the call about an ongoing armed robbery operation at Play Learn Academy School.

Edafe said the officers mounted surveillance within the scene of the robbery, where

they sighted an Okada rider and two occupants. Upon sighting the team advancing towards them, they took to their heels and immediately started shooting at the police operatives. During the gun duel, one of the suspected armed robbers sustained gunshot injury, while one English Pump Action gun and one cut-to-size single barrel gun with three cartridges were recovered.

The injured suspect was later taken to the Hospital where he was confirmed dead while receiving treatment. While efforts are on top gear to recover more firearms and further arrest other fleeing suspects.

In a similar vein, on March 1, after receiving a distress call from a lady (name withheld), who reported that while she

boarded a tricycle (Keke) from PTI Junction to Orerokpe Community with two other passengers including the driver, the victim said that while approaching Okudiete Community in Okpe LGA, the three boys suddenly attacked and pushed her out of the moving tricycle, making away with her phone, handbag containing money and other valuables.

The police spokesperson said the victim immediately boarded another tricycle and reported the incident to Orerokpe Police Division. Upon receipt of the report, the DPO Orerokpe, CSP Paul Oboware, deployed his Visibility Patrol Team on a stop and search duty at Oha Junction. Sequel to the tip-off, the patrol team swiftly gave the robbers a hot chase

and succeeded in arresting two of the suspects.

However, one of the suspects escaped through the bush, and all items robbed from the victim were recovered including a tricycle with marker ASB56QD. Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects are notorious robbers who specialise in robbing unsuspecting passengers of their personal belongings while in transit on a tricycle.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police, CP Olufemi Abaniwonda reassures of his commitment to leave no room for criminality to grow or thrive in Delta State and affirms the Command's resolve to pursue and prosecute criminals to the fullest in every parts of the state.



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## Insecurity: S'west group vows to secure Yoruba land

... urges govts to support initiative

**T**he South West Security Stakeholders Group (SSSG), has restated its commitment to secure Yoruba land, saying it will not allow kidnappers to take over the region.

The South West security

"The crux of our meeting is to set the agenda for securing the South West region from those uncivilised elements that are ravaging Yoruba land and making life unbearable for our kinsmen.

"The struggle is about cre-

holders on their toes. We are ready to keep marauders at bay and we will not fold our arms to allow evil men to overrun our region."

Adewole, appreciated the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, for convening the Yoruba security summit in Ile-Ife, adding that the efforts of