

Assailants Kill Bank Manager in Port Harcourt

A manager with a leading new generation bank was yesterday evening shot dead by unknown assailants who allegedly trailed him to the busy Garrison junction where they sprayed his car with bullets and left him dead.

The man was alleged to have left his office at Trans Amadi road and drove to Garrison where police always mount checkpoint before a power bike allegedly drew level with him and sprayed his car with bullets at about 7.30 pm before zooming off, leaving his lifeless body in the car.

The scene of the incident was left in a pool of blood and the brain as they shot him in the head, thereby emptying his skull which spread all over his red Honda car marked BL 344 FKJ.

The gory incident drew the Commissioner of Police in the State, Mr. Suleima Abba out of his office as he visited the venue of the assassination where he explained that victim had left a meeting late yesterday evening and was on his way home when the killing took place.

"We have recovered the power bike used by the crimi-

*From Ahamefula Ogbu
in Port Harcourt*

nals and we have alerted all our formations," he said.

At about 9.15 pm, an

Yar'Adua: PENGASSAN Urges N' Assembly, PDP to Obey Constitution

As the controversy over state of health of President Umaru Yar'Adua rages on, Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN), has called on the National Assembly and Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to respect the Constitution on the issue.

Speaking on Yar'Adua's absence for over 50 days, PENGASSAN President, Comrade Babatunde Ogun, said the absence has created a vacuum in

ambulance marked RV142 A08 removed the remains of the late bank manager from the scene where many people had gathered to watch the mangled body of the ex-banker.

The killing, last night adds to the growing insecurity in the state as some expatriates were kidnapped in a border community between Rivers and Abia states about 48 hours ago.

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governance and stressed the need for the legislative arm to also impress it on the Federal Executive Council (FEC) to respect the sanctity of the Constitution.

The union leader, in a statement, said the National Assembly could not exonerate itself from the problem created by the president's absence, adding that it has the power to ensure that the executive arm follows provisions of the Constitution.

According to him, since the

present administration affirmed its belief in the rule of law, the leaders, especially the legislative arm and PDP from which the president emerged, should also respect the law.

"All that rule of law means is the sanctity of the law, irrespective of who is affected. I am sure ~~that there is a portion of the~~ Constitution that dealt with the absence of the president for certain number of days. In this situation, a government that prides itself as upholding rule of law should respect that aspect of the law."

MASSOB Leader, Uwazurike Arrested, Released

Leader of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra, MASSOB Chief Ralph Uwazurike was Tuesday arrested by the security agencies.

Though details of his arrest were sketchy, THISDAY gathered

that he was arrested by the Police from Zone 9, Umuahia Tuesday evening at the Ogbu, Abia State headquarters of MASSOB following a protest against alleged plan to use MASSOB for the February 6 governorship election in Anambra State.

His wife, Mrs Omekadiya Uwazurike last night disclosed that, "something like that happened. Call me back because I am in the church and it is not what we can discuss on phone."

However, MASSOB's Regional Administrator in Lagos,