

Suspected Gunmen Kill 2 Policemen

Two police officers have been shot dead by unknown gunmen bring to seven the number of policemen killed in Ngwa area of Abia State in a spate of nine days.

Five policemen were killed in similar circumstances by armed hoodlums on August 23, 2010 on two separate incidents at Osisioma and Obingwa Local Governments.

The latest victims, a Police Inspector and a female Corporal, were said to have been felled on Monday evening by gunmen, numbering about five at Umuojima village in Osisioma Local Government area of Abia State.

State Commissioner of Police, Jonathan Johnson, confirmed the tragic loss of

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the two officers, lamenting that the Police were being made to pay the supreme price even in needless circumstances.

Ogun N100bn Bond: Utomi to Moderate Television Debate

Ogun State Government has nominated former presidential candidate of the African Democratic Congress (ADC), Prof. Pat Utomi, to moderate the television debate between the executive and legislature arms of Ogun State over the controversial N100 billion bond.

A statement by the State Commissioner for Information and Orientation, Mr. Sina Kawonise, yesterday, noted that the debate, to be televised live on the state-

He said the driver of the vehicle the victims were travelling in managed to escape, adding that investigation has commenced on the issue.

Meanwhile panic has gripped Umuojima village as inhabitants of the area have

started fleeing their homes for fear of being arrested or falling victims of possible police reprisal attack.

However CP Jonathan Johnson has assured that the police would not engage in any rash action against the villagers.

owned Gateway Television and Gateway Radio, would hold at 10.00a.m on Wednesday, September 8.

It would be recalled that the State House of Assembly had demanded a public debate between the arms of government on the contentious bond, saying this would ensure that some noticeable contradictions in the information supplied by the executive, were clarified.

The lawmakers equally contended that the public discourse would serve as a forum, where the

executive and the legislature would speak at the same time on the bond issue, which the State Government believed had been politicised at the expense of development.

Kawonise, had alleged that the refusal of the legislators to grant approval for the bond issue had crippled the smooth running of the state process of governance, claiming that the Assembly had perfected plans to destabilise the Government before defecting to other political parties to contest the next elections.