

# Police Kill 4 Suspected Kidnappers, Arrest 3

**F**our alleged kidnap suspects were yesterday killed by officers and men of the Anambra State Police Command during a shoot out at Ihiala Council area of the state.

The killing of the suspects however came on a day the Ikorodu Division of the Lagos State Police Command stated that it arrested a young man identified as Olasukammi Ismael, for allegedly attempting to plant a bomb albeit a fake one at the Methodist Church situated at Ita-Elewa area of Ikorodu.

But at the end of the shoot out, three other persons who escaped, were arrested, including the father of the alleged leader of the kidnap gang. Reports said two others allegedly fled.

Their victim, 34-year-old Stephen Orjiako, from Okija in the state, a businessman in Lagos, was rescued. He was kidnapped on April 15, a day to his wedding ceremony.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations

## • Nab man attempting to plant bomb in Lagos

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Officer (PPRO), Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, said a manhunt for the fleeing suspects had been mounted, while displaying the bodies of those killed, and the arrested who were brought to the state police command in Awka, amidst jubilation by residents.

"His car is still with the one they call the Chairman and that is why we arrested his father to gather more tips about his son's where about from him. Infact, we got him arrested when he went to collect money from his son's hideout," he said.

However, Orjiako described his rescue as miraculous, adding that he had spent nine days in the kidnappers' den and was fed once a day.

He said he was to wed on April 16, but was kidnapped on April 15, while coming back from his in-law's place in Amanachi, Orsu Local Government Area of Imo State.

Orjiako said the kidnappers double crossed his ash coloured

Infinity Jeep when he slowed down to avoid a pot hole. After stopping, five boys, according to him, disembarked and ordered him and his brother who was with him out of the vehicle and forced him into theirs, covered his face with scarf and drove off.

Meanwhile, the discovery of the

suspect and his consignment threw the residents of Ikorodu and its environs into panic.

The incident which is the fourth in this year, came at the heels of another recent bomb scare at Awolowo House, Ikeja area of the state where an abandoned carton was alleged to contain bombs.

THISDAY gathered that the suspect was apprehended by the

church's security men following a tip off by neighbours who had seen Ismael gained entrance into the church after scaling the fence.

Acting on the tip off, the security men quickly mobilised their colleagues and stormed the suspect's hideout at the graveyard situated inside the church compound.

On sighting the security men, Ismael's attempt to flee by scaling

the fence was thwarted by the mob who had already gathered at the church when they heard the news.

Confirming the bomb incident, a cleric in the church simply identified as Rev Ogunsiiji said: "At about 7.30am, this young man of about 26 years jumped over the fence into the compound but was apprehended by the security team who interrogated him. When he was searched, a container was found on him with the following words, 'Open in Case of Emergency.'

# FG Approves N5.5bn for Teachers Training

## • Threatens COEs operating without approval

*From Racheal Obewhere  
and Alex Enumah in Abuja*

**P**resident Goodluck Jonathan has approved the sum of N5, 550,000,000 for the training of teachers in Nigeria under the 2012 Teacher Professional Development programme.

Also yesterday, the Federal Government threatened to shut down all private colleges of education in the country operating without approval by the National Commission for Colleges of Education.

Minister of State for Education, Mr. Nyesom Wike, disclosed this while receiving reports of activities from the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) in Abuja.

The reports included the Minimum Standards for Basic

2011 under the scheme, adding that the sum of N5, 550,000,000.00 was also disbursed last year for that purpose.

The executive secretary also lamented the poor quality of teachers in the country, disclosing that the survey undertaken by the Commission on teacher capacity, revealed that 80 per cent of teachers in Sokoto are not qualified.

He said: "The Federal Government was concerned with the deplorable state of basic education in the country and responded appropriately in the effort toward correcting the situation," adding: "Education is the bedrock of development of any nation."

down the institutions, it was gathered, followed measures put in place to redress the decay and the falling standard of education in the country.

Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Prof. Mohamed Junaid, who disclosed this at the flagging-off of a national verification and accreditation exercise in Abuja, said the decision to conduct the exercise was in response to concern raised by the Federal Government and outcry by the Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEA-SU) and the general public on the quality of teachers in the country.

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