

# Gunmen Kill DPO, 3 Policemen

Enugu State Police Command yesterday said it had commenced full scale investigations into the alleged killing of one of its Divisional Police Officer (DPO) by yet to be identified gunmen on Saturday evening.

The killing of the DPO however came on a day suspected armed robbers shot dead three policemen in Mararrabar Maigora Village in Sabuwa Local Government Area of Katsina State.

However, reports said the deceased policeman, Mr. Okey ofoedu, a superintendent of police (SP) who was also the DPO in charge Oji River Police Division, Enugu State was said to have met his untimely death at Ojinator along Awkaoji River old road by Roi filling station at about 6.30pm on Saturday.

A statement issued by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Ebere Amarizu, a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), said Ofoedu was returning from an engagement and was heading for his office when he was gunned down.

It was further alleged that his assailants numbering about four and operating with a Passat car

*From Christopher Isiguzo  
in Enugu with agency reports*

had trailed him to the point shooting at him on transit several times before he was hit by their bullet and every attempt made to revive him proved abortive as the doctor on duty at the hospital where he was initially rushed to later confirmed him dead.

It was also gathered that the body of the deceased had been deposited at a nearby hospital for

a post mortem examination.

The state Commissioner of Police, Musa A. Daura, described the incident as an unfortunate one just as he assured that his command in partnership with other relevant security agencies as well as other relevant stake holders would do everything humanly possible to get the assailants and bring them to book. He used the opportunity to charge his men not to be demoralised with this type of incident.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Officer of the Katsina State Police Command, ASP Shehu Koko, confirmed the development, saying three police men were ambushed by the robbers in the early hours of yesterday while on patrol.

"The attackers on sighting the police patrol van, opened fire on the vehicle resulting in the death of the three policemen on the spot and setting their vehicle on fire," he noted.

## House Grills Ministry Officials over Violation of Financial Regulations

*From Onwuka Nzeshi  
in Abuja*

The House Committee on Public Accounts has quizzed officials of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture over unlawful diversion of funds and sundry violations of the extant financial regulations. This followed the queries raised against the said ministry in the 2009 Auditor General's report now before the National Assembly.

The Office of Auditor-General for the federation had in the report indicted the Ministry of Agriculture over the procurement

and non-usage of 400 tractors for a period of four years and the disappearance of three of these tractors.

The audit report also indicted the Ministry of Agriculture over the diversion of N1. 979 billion fertiliser fund to settle expenses relating to Azare and Gurara Water schemes; the purchase of 53,325.55 metric tonnes of fertilisers worth over N531 million and

the shortfall in the fertilisers supplied to 13 states of the federation.

It also queried the payment of the sum of N12,863million as overhead expenditure in November 2009 which was not properly documented.

Chairman, House Committee on Public Accounts, Hon. Solomon Adeola, confronted officials of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture with these queries at a meeting demanding explanations.

Responding, Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Dr. Ezekiel Oyemomi, said the 400 tractors were not actually used but were kept in the ministry's facilities located in Abuja, Owerri,

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