

CROSS THE NATION NIGER-DELTA

Donates eight boats to riverine communities

ABACOURT — In his remarks, the state Commissioner for Community Affairs, Mr. Clapton Ogoke, commended the SPDC and its joint venture partners for honouring the MoU they reached with the communities.

Ogoke noted that the major crisis point in the relationship between host communities and oil companies was the non-implementation of mutual agreements.

He, therefore, urged the benefiting communities to reciprocate the gesture by maintaining peace for development to take place.

Speaking on behalf of the communities, Mr. A. L. Sibi, promised a favourable investment climate for them to operate. Sibi, however, reminded the companies that they had not implemented other aspects of the MoU which, he said, included the establishment of a skills acquisition centre and programmes.

The benefiting communities are Abalama, Bille, Obuama and Boro which received a speed boat each, while Soku and Elem Sangana got two boats each.

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Police kill two, nab three robbery suspects

By Emma Arubi

WARRI—POLICE in Ekpan weekend, killed two robbers, caught three with toy guns while three others escaped into the bush with bullet wound.

The Divisional Police Officer, DPO, Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) Tony Ekong said the robbers were nabbed while operating in parts of the town.

Briefing newsmen on the activities of his men, the Area Commander, Ughelli, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Jubrin Yakubu said there's no safe haven for armed robbers in the Ughelli Area Command any more and called on the public to always volunteer vital information to the police that could lead to the arrest of criminal elements in our midst.

According to him, "most of these robbers operate on motor-bikes in broad daylight pretending to be commercial cyclists", saying that they recovered one bike with registration No.DT 73421M. Other items recovered include a toy pistol, GSM phone, a handbag belonging to a female victim containing make up, N8,700.00 cash and 3 locally made cut to-size gun.



COMMISSIONING: Governor Goodluck Jonathan of Bayelsa State (left) exchanging pleasantries with Prince Ajibola during the public lecture entitled: "Political tolerance and sustainable democracy" delivered by the latter as part of activities marking the 2006 Democracy Day in Yagooa.

