

# Police kill three robbers in shoot-out

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**O**WERRI—THREE unidentified armed robbery suspects were yesterday gunned down in alleged gun battle with policemen from Imo State Police Command at a petrol filling station in Ahiazu Mbaize local government area of the State.

According to the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Isah Bala Mohammed, the Command swift into action following a distress call from the Ikeduru Divisional Police Officer [DPO] that armed robbery operation was going on at one of the filling stations in Ahiazu Mbaize council area.

"We got a distress call from the Ikeduru DPO, informing us about the robbery in one of the Filling Stations in Ahiazu Mbaize local government area and immediately a team of well armed policemen were despatch to the scene. And immediately they sighted our men, they opened fire on them which they returned, killing three of them instantly while others fled with bullet wound", the PPRO revealed.

Isah disclosed that the command has extended its dragnet across neighbouring states to ensure that the remaining members of the gang and the wounded one are rounded up.

He reiterated the determination of the Command to

make the State uncomfortable for them, adding that strategies have been perfected to flush out hoodlums from Imo State.

"We have sent signals to our State commands to alert them on the development as they may flee to these States to take refuge but we have extended our dragnet to the neighbouring States to ensure that they did not escape. We are determined to get rid of all criminal elements from Imo State", Isah reiterated.

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**A** Medical Practitioner, Kola Edun has says that for Nigeria health sector to grow, the country should adopt and increase awareness on the field of health tourism.

According to him, "though health tourism may not be popular in Nigeria, but some Nigerians either as part of their holiday plans or as a result of ill health have found themselves involved in this new form of tourism abroad.

"Health Tourism is self-explanatory; touring into other parts of the world and including health check ups and medical treatment as part of your itinerary. Health Tourism has been on for some time in