

Three feared dead as Police invade community

By Chidi Nkwopara

OWERRI—NO fewer than three persons were at press time feared dead following the invasion of Umuezenye Amadiaba autonomous community of Ihitte Nansa in Orsu local government area of Imo State, by a detachment of police men from the neighbouring Anambra State. Similarly, several residential homes and household properties conservatively estimated at over N950million were either burnt, destroyed or looted by the invading policemen while a yet to be ascertained number of villagers were arrested and whisked away to Anambra State.

Vanguard investigations revealed that the attack was sadly sparked off when a team

of policemen from Anambra State Police Command on road block at a neighbouring town allegedly shot and killed a tipper driver from Akamana Nansa, Onyekachi Obinali, for bluntly refusing to part with N100 *roger* demanded

by the policemen.

It was further gathered that the policemen flagged down the tipper driver who at the time, was conveying sand and when he refused to stop, the policemen pursued him to Amaruru in Orsu local government area of Imo State.

NLC asks Anambra for 15% pay rise

By Enyim Enyim

ENUGU—NIGERIA Labour Congress (NLC) in Anambra State wants the state government to pay workers the 15per cent salary increase approved for federal workers by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Chairman of the Union, Chief Goddy Ibekwe who spoke exclusively with *Vanguard* urged Governor Virgy Etiaba to send a supplementary budget to the House of Assembly to ensure that Civil Servants in the state were at par with their counterparts at the Federal level.