

Manhunt for Delta guber candidate over killings

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ABUJA—THE Police high command yesterday commenced a manhunt for a gubernatorial candidate

(names withheld), of one of the political parties that contested the governorship seat in Delta State following reports that he may have gone into hiding.

The gubernatorial candi-

date who lost the election to Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan and hails from the Delta Central Senatorial district, is alleged to have been the brain behind the killing of a medical doctor, his wife and brother in Abraka area of the state during the just-concluded general elections.

The house of the late medical doctor was also set ablaze on the orders of the wanted gubernatorial candidate.

According to sources in Abuja, all attempts by the police in Delta State to get the guber candidate to report to the force headquarters to answer questions over the murder of the family proved abortive as he decided to disappear into thin air and remain incommunicado.

Already, about eight suspects who played significant roles in the murder and arson perpetuated on the family of the late medical doctor have been arrested and moved to the Force headquarters, Abuja and some of them are said to have made confessional statements.

Vanguard also gathered yesterday, that one of the frontline members of the elders who fought against the candidacy of Dr. Uduaghan before he was elected governor of Delta State (names withheld), and who is a former Senator under the Peoples Democratic Party, has been arrested and is being detained at Force headquarters, Abuja.

The elder statesman according to sources was said to be the brain behind some of the political killings that were witnessed in Warri during the just concluded general elections in the state.

Also arrested with him, are five suspects who are said to have actively participated in the political murders of the persons in Warri.

A senior police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed both the manhunt of the Delta gubernatorial candidate and the arrest of the Senator who served in the first tenure of President Olusegun Obasanjo between 1999 and 2003.

Plans groundbreaking for monorail project

aimed at easing transportation from Calabar to Tinapa. He said the concept was taken from the cable car system that had been installed in Obudu Cattle Ranch all in Cross River State.

He made known that the project is being sponsored by Afri Nexim Bank in Cairo, Egypt to the tune of N4.6 billion and added that the loan is expected to be paid back in five years. Also speaking at the occasion, the project manager of the monorail system, Mr. Wolfgang Hahn said so far, tremendous progress has already been achieved in imple-

menting the project.

His words: "A technical team has been inaugurated comprising of competent consulting firm, competent architects to ensure the project does not flop."

The survey, according to him, "was undertaken by reputable firms which worked for a period of six months. Similarly, the subsoil investigation for the foundation for the monorail transport system is ongoing and is approximately 80% completed." He added that "the design and engineering are in progress in Europe.