

Dutch businessman assassinated

Assassins say he's a fraudster

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PORT HARCOURT—A DUTCH businessman, Tony Konweahoven was reportedly murdered by unknown gunmen, yesterday, at his Olu Obasanjo road residence in Port Harcourt. According to the Police, the assailants left a note after the gruesome killing.

They allegedly accused him in the note of defrauding them to the tune of \$50,000. They said he collected the money to import cars from Holland for them but failed. The note according to the security sources was silent on when the deal was struck.

The late Tony ran a nite club, Blue Café in Port Harcourt. They said he left the club for his house on Saturday before the gruesome incident at

his compound. The Police ruled out failed kidnap in the development. They said it was a pure crime. They had also

retrieved the note to aide their investigation. Sources around the nightclub told the *Vanguard* that the deceased had lived in the country for a very long time. In addition, was even married to a Nigerian.

In another development, a

staff of Afribank in Port Harcourt that was simply identified as Osuji was weekend abducted by unknown gunmen. They said he was just coming out of the bank premises along Ada George road when the gunmen took him hostage and fled.

The police ruled out militants in the whole saga. Sources said the kidnappers later demanded a ransom of ten million naira. At press time, it could not be confirmed if the hostage had been released.

These incidents have however cast strong doubt on the secured state of the capital city even with the heavy presence of soldiers on the streets and the curfew. It would be recalled that soldiers were deployed to the streets in the wake of cult killings in the state capital that lasted about two weeks and claimed several lives. To consolidate on the security gains arising from the deployment of soldiers to the streets, the state government had to impose a dusk to dawn curfew in the state for about two weeks. The curfew this time has been extended to 9 pm and would run indefinitely.