

Police kill 4 robbery suspects in Edo

● *As 4 officers sustain injuries*

By Simon Ebegbulem

BENIN—FOUR armed robbers were shot dead while four police officers sustained injuries, weekend, when the robbers attacked a filing station at Ekpoma, Edo State.

It was said that the robbers numbering about five, met their death after they snatched a black jeep at the filling station where they dispossessed people of their money and other valuables and snatched the jeep to ease their escape.

On getting the information, the police laid siege for them at the Benin by-pass and there was serious exchange of gun fire. Out of the five in the jeep, one was shot dead immediately, while the rest dropped the jeep, snatched an Audu car and continued their escape.

The Edo State Police Commissioner, Mr. Chris Dega who briefed newsmen on the issue, said following the hot chase from the police,

one of the suspects was arrested while the rest escaped.

"But as God would have it, two of the robbers were spotted at Ugbowo where they were trying to buy cloths to change their blood stained clothes. One of our men went for them and arrested one while the other one escaped. So the one who was arrested now took us to their base. And it was like hell when we got there because we saw the others who escaped earlier. The shooting was serious and that was where four of our men sustained injuries. Three of the robbers died in the cross fire including the one that took us to their hide out", he stated.

Commissioner Dega added that "we recovered two AK-47 rifles and six magazines fully loaded with arms and ammunition. We are glad that our men are responding very well at the hospital and will soon be discharged. We will not tolerate any violent crime

in this state. Criminals have no base here and we are telling them to either change their behaviour or relocate from the state".

NANS rates Ughelli

By Emma Amaize

WARRI—NATIONAL Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) has voted the Ughelli South local government council as the best council of the year in recognition of the remarkable developmental achievements recorded in the barely two years of the chairman, Hon. Barr. Dennis Djoma. At a ceremony conducted in the Ughelli South Council secretariat recently, NANS, speaking through its Vice President, National Affairs, Comrade Benjamin Emuvoke, said Ughelli South outclassed all other councils in virtually all parameters used in determining the winner of the award on account of the remarkable projects the Djoma administration initiated and executed within a short