Gunmen attack Gov's convoy, kill Policeman



AGM: From left: Mr. Tayo Aderinokun, Managing Director, GTBank; Owelle Gilbert Chikelu, Chairman; and Mrs. Olutola Omotola, Company Secretary, at the 18th Annual General Meeting of Guaranty Trust Bank Pic in Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Diran Oshe.

By Austin Ogwuda

ASABA — A GANG of armed robbers yesterday attacked a convoy of aides of Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta State on the Benin-Warri highway.

A police driver behind the wheels of one of the vehicles in the governor's advance party was killed in the incident.

The governor himself was not in the convoy, according to his Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Sunny Ogefere.

Vanguard gathered last night that it was actually the Governor's convey that was attacked as his ADC was shot on the leg.

The State Police Commissioner, Mr. Jacob Oshimogho, speaking on the incident said: "The target was not the gov-

ernor's convoy but a bullion van coming from Benin City. The policemen attached to the van prevented them from robbing the bullion van. Unfortunately, the governor's convey ran into the road block and engaged them in a shoot out while the bullion van drove to Oghara Police Station for safety. I have been to the scene and I can tell you that they were militants, they came in a boat and were operating on that bridge. The ADC

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was shot on the leg, the driver was killed and one of the militants (robbers) was killed in the shoot out."

The Governor's Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Ogefere, in a terse statement said: "At about 2.30 p.m, Thursday, the Delta Governor's advance security team encountered a gang of armed robbers operating along Pamol Estate, Oghara and engaged them in a shootout.

"In the ensuing shootout, a police driver was killed

while two others sustained minor injuries. Those injured are being treated. His Excellency's convoy was not affected by the incident and he has proceeded to the Warri Stadium for the scheduled Austin (Jay Jay) Okocha's testimonial match.

"The Governor regrets the incident and wishes to assure the general public that everything is being done to ensure their security; he also praised the gallantry of the security team that dislodged the armed robbers."