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## Police kill two militants in Port Harcourt

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TWO militants were gunned down in the early hours of yesterday in Port Harcourt by men of the state Police command.

The Diobu Divisional Police officer, Mr. Emma Asufi told the Vanguard on phone that policemen from his division encountered the hoodlums around the fly-over area of the state capital.

And during the exchange of fire three of the hoodlums fled. He said it was very likely the hoodlums were behind the death of spy police personnel in the area recently.

In a related development, peace has started returning to Obewle community, Emohua Local Government Area following the deployment of men of the Joint Task Force to the area. Spokesman of the security body and the army in the state, Lieutenant Col Sagir Musa said about five persons have so far been arrested in connection with the crisis that engulfed the community between Sunday and Monday night.

He said the JTF razed down a shrine suspected to be serving as hideout for the hoodlums who unleashed mayhem in the town. He could not say if any life was lost during the crisis but he confirmed that the sad development caused residents to desert the town.

“Some cultists unleashed terror in Obewle village. The JTF did what we call appreciation in the area. And finally sector four unit with headquarters in Isiokepo raided the area and destroyed a notorious cult shrine where bandits hang out.

It was burnt. Four suspects arrested there and some charms recovered. No casualty on the part of the civilians and the military during the operation.”

Meanwhile, a community source told Vanguard that no fewer than seven persons would have died in the fracas which he said was caused by tussle for a traditional stool.

### ....Kill another two in botched robbery attempt

THE police in Bayelsa State, yesterday, foiled a robbery attempt by a four-man gang operating on a motorcycle and killed two of the suspects.

The incident occurred at about noon in front the Federated Correspondent Chapel secretariat on Tolda Road at the Ekeki suburb of the capital city.

Witnesses told Vanguard that members of the gang numbering about four had trailed their victim who was said to be returning from one of the commercial banks around Ekeki, where he had gone to withdraw a huge sum of money, to Tolda Road when they met their Waterloo.

Luck, however, ran out on the four-man gang when some concerned members of the public suspected their movement and alerted the police authorities.

On getting the report of the unusual movement of the robbery suspects, some policemen from the Ekeki Division were hurriedly dispatched to the area on surveillance.

It was gathered that just as one of suspects who was armed with a locally made pistol was about to dispossessed their unsuspecting victim of his money earlier withdrawn from the bank the police team arrived the scene of crime.

Eyewitnesses told Vanguard that the suspects on realizing that they have been cornered by the police opened fire and the security men returned fire killing two of the robbers on the spot while two other members of the gang manage to escape with an Okada.

The remains of the suspects and the locally made pistol and six rounds of live ammunition recovered from them were later taken to the state police command.

The state Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of operations, Mr. Charles Osegbue who confirmed the incident said the robbery attempt was foiled by his men following a tip-off from members of the public.

Mr. Osegbue used the opportunity to call on members of the public to always avail the command with useful information that would assist the police to rid the state of criminal elements.

He, however, assured that the command has stepped up patrol of all the nooks and crannies of the

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capital city which according to him is partly responsible for low crime so far recorded in the state.

Cases of armed gunmen operating on motorcycles snatching money from unsuspecting members of the public coming from commercial banks has been on the increase in the last couple of weeks.

Only three weeks ago, a police officer returning from the bank where he gone to withdraw huge sum of money was reportedly dispossessed of his cash in front of the state police command by gunmen operating on Okada leaving their victim shocked.

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#### PLS IG HELP YENAGOA

Written by [sandra uhunmwangho](#), on 11-12-2008 08:44 , IP: 165.141.179.55

I DONT KNOW WHATS REALLY HAPPENING IN YENAGOA,THE RATE AT WHICH THIEVES ARE OPERATING IS JUST TOO HIGH CAN U IMAGINE AT ANY TIME THEY LIKE THEY OPERATE EVEN AROUND THE POLICE STATIONS,I WILL SUGEST THAT ANY THIEF CAUGHT SHOULD BE KILLED INSTANTA COS THE YENAGOA IS TURNING INTO A LAWLESS STATE AND OUR SOCALLED POLITICIANS ARE NOT HELPING MATTERS CAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES GIVING THESE BOYS ARMS WITHOUT COLLECTING THEM BACK,PLS IG HELP US CAUSE MOST NIGHTS WE DO VIGIL BECAUSE WE DONT KNOW THE NEXT PLACE THEY WILL ATTACK.

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#### Police kill 2 in Port Harcourt!

Written by [EDWARD LULU](#), on 11-12-2008 16:57 , IP: 166.128.246.101

While the JTF say to be fighting street crimes that's not limited to kidnapping, the fear is that they must be careful with innocent citizens. Because in many cases it's difficult to differential between criminals and actual security apparatus, for they all behaves and acts alike. And the danger of all is that the JTFs and other security group are not main to accounts for their actions or killings to ensure that those they killed are real criminals and not innocence citizens that happened to be at the wrong places.

And in term of strategic crime fighting in a city like Port Harcourt,my attitude is that we should not over depended on bullets in public places. But actual war against crime should be extended to stamping out corruption from among top officials, be it governments or private individuals. And also for government to facilitate the environment for job creations to fill in the growing populations, through youths acquisition and empowerment in all sector of the economy. To government actually spending every earn resources on human necessities of life, and one area i think is important as well, is the establishment of well train human intelligences that can detects crime before it occur.

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#### Terrorist Journalists

Written by [Ray Ohio](#), on 11-12-2008 18:58 , IP: 68.76.120.251

Are journalists Samuel Oyadongha, Jimitota Onoyume & Gift Nwaeke terrorists!

Why would you guys title your article:

"Police kill two militants in Port Harcourt"

How could hoodlums' be militants if you guys wrote:

"The Diobu Divisional Police officer, Mr. Emma Asufi told the Vanguard on phone that policemen from his division encountered the hoodlums around the fly-over area of the state capital."

Guys, stop encouraging terrorists unless you're are one of them.

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