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*Orugbo (middle) flanked by
base of Aladja Techno Industrial
er-Delta in Aladja, Delta State,*

5 die in P-Harcourt cult battle

By George Onah

PORT HARCOURT— FIVE men have been reported dead in what appeared like a counter-cult killings in Ogbunabali area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State, causing residents of the serene community to shut all businesses and go to bed before 9 p.m. since the killings started last week.

Vanguard gathered that a rival cultist was killed in the area two weeks ago, following which his members, who specialise in killing their victims with hatchets, vowed to avenge the death of their slain member with an undisclosed number of deaths.

The axe wielding cultists are said to commence their operation in the dead of the night, where they kick-open their victims' doors and deal such targets with several blows of the axes and depart the scene "without taking away anything."

Further to this, the nocturnal groups are said to attack members of the family of their intended target "if the person they want is not found in the house and they also do not spare even female family members of such persons."

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Umunedede town where there is a thriving black market for petroleum products along Benin-Asaba expressway, adding that "the arrested men who were four in number (names withheld) confessed to transporting Diesoline which they claimed to have loaded from somewhere in Bomadi."

Oshiomhole urges Edo people

nized for him by Edo Citizens resident in Lagos, Oshiomhole explained that the delay in the delivery of his campaign promises was as a result of the need to ensure proper planning and adequate research on targeted projects, such as road construction around the state capital and infrastructural development across the state.

He said: "We discovered that we cannot address all the problems and challenges in the state at once, hence we decided to tackle it on a gradual basis. This informed our adoption of a two-point agenda, focusing on education and infrastructure in the current financial year. We realized that if we decided to do everything at once, we would

only be able to do little with the resources at our disposal and the impact will not be felt.

We have called in consultants and contractors and they are presently undertaking proper assessment of the situation in the state and hope to come out with a plan for the road network in the state, especially the capital. This study will last for about three months and hopefully, then, we intend to commence the reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads and other infrastructure in the state. So we call for patience and understanding from the people of the state. Very soon we will commence work and this will not be delayed or abandoned until they are completed."

Police gun down 2 bandits in Sapele

By Emma Amaize

SAPELE—POLICE in Sapele, Delta State, have shot dead two notorious armed robbers that had made life agonizing for the residents of the town in recent months.

The bandits met their death barely 10 minutes after they started operation at about 8.00 pm at No 55 Abeke Road, Sapele.

They had shot sporadically

into the air to scare away the people when they stormed the area, injuring two persons, but some of the people managed to put a distress call to the police.

The Police immediately swung into action and on sighting them, the bandits opened fire on them but at the end of the gun battle, two of them were badly injured and died while being rushed to the hospital for medical attention. The police recovered two locally made guns from the deceased bandits.