

Gunmen kill FUTO student, job seeker in Port Harcourt

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....As police sanction 215 officers

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Port Harcourt—A final year student of the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, and a job seeker were allegedly killed by unknown gunmen in the deceased father's office in Port Harcourt at the weekend.

This comes as the Rivers State Police Command has sanctioned no fewer than 215 police officers for corrupt practices.

Vanguard gathered that the job seeker had gone to the office to submit an application for a job when he ran into the men who were already preparing to kill the undergraduate.

The father of the student, whose name is not immediately known, blamed his son's death on the ongoing strike by Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

He lamented that his son would have been writing his final examinations had lecturers not gone on strike..

Meanwhile, about 215 police officers in Rivers State Command have been variously sanctioned in the last 15 months, ranging from dismissal, demotion in rank, confinement to barracks, prosecution and other punishment, following their being caught indulging in corrupt practices.

Commissioner of Police, Bala Hassan, told the press in Port Harcourt last weekend, that the command and the force generally were poised at throwing out the bad eggs in the force, particularly those who were in the habit of extorting money from motorists, particularly commercial drivers.

“Honestly, if I have my way, all road blocks would be dismantled but because of the prevailing circumstance”, Hassan said.


The police boss said every effort would be deployed to sanitise the force and that those dubious characters in the force would be flushed out without delay, adding that those who were punished for the various degrees of offences were a deterrence for those who do not want to change

He disclosed that the duty monitoring unit and anti-corruption units responsible for dealing with acts of indiscipline and corruption in the force have been armed more than ever to intensify their hunt for erring officers whose activities were damaging the image of the force.


Hassan said a tracking device had been installed to monitor patrol vehicles, adding that the device which is monitored from the control room at the command headquarters had the capacity of seeing clearly major points, to see the activities of policemen on duty and the crime situation.



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Our govt. Have failed us, no security,no education,no light (i have not seen light in my house 4the past 3months), paucity of food,lack of trust of leadership. Where are we heading to? How can our govt. Be playing politics with our education? ASUU-FG nawaaaoooooooo..... RIP FINALIST!!!

2.  [Cjay](#) says:
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D poor ppl they are struggling to give sound education are dying one by one...even if Asuu cald of d strike,of wat benefit is it to dis final yr futoite.ASUU shudnt 4get d basis of their motive bcos fns are getting worse with dis their strike.

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