

# Police kill suspected robbery kingpin in Imo

By Chidi Nkwopara

**OWERRI**—IMO State Police Command has killed one of the notorious armed robbers operating in Owerri and its adjoining communities, as his gang tried to rob the Heartland Football Club Camp, Ohii, Owerri West Local Government Area.

Disclosing this to newsmen in his office, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP, Mr. A.U. Gwary, gave the name of the suspected deceased armed robber as Nnanna Agobosim alias Ogologo, a native of Iho Dimeze in Ikeduru Local Government Area.

"The Command had earlier declared him wanted for series of armed robberies and assassinations he committed in the past. He had killed many policemen and innocent citizens, including an Owerri based lawyer," the DCP said.

According to him, "the po-

lice got information that armed robbers were operating in Heartland FC Camp, Ohii, and members of the Crack Squad were quickly dispatched to the scene of crime.

"He opened fire on sight-

ing the police and when our men replied, he was gunned down. Before this feat, people thought the man was invincible and invisible," the DCP said.

Recounting what they re-

covered on Agobosim's body, Gwary said it included an Italian made double barrel gun cut to size, a wrist watch, a telephone handset, 14 live ammunition and a mask, which he was wearing.

## ... parade 230 electoral offenders in Anambra

By Vincent Ujumadu

**AWKA**—NO fewer than 230 persons, who allegedly committed various form of electoral offences during last Saturday's governorship election in Anambra State were yesterday paraded by the police in Awka, the state capital.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, John Ahmadu, who briefed newsmen after the suspects were paraded, said

the suspects would soon be in court after investigations into the matter would have been concluded.

He said that the suspects would be remanded in police custody until they were charged to court. The implication, however, is that the suspects would remain incarcerated for a long time because judiciary workers in the state are still on strike, which started last year.

According to the DIG, 173

of the suspects were allegedly involved in criminal conspiracy and attempt to commit offences, ranging from thuggery to breach of the peace, 17 for unlawful possession of voters' cards, 21 for unlawful possession of electoral materials, two for impersonation and 17 for snatching of ballot boxes.

He assured that the cases would be properly investigated in accordance with the Electoral Act, 2006.

"You will recall my appeal to the good people of Anambra State last Friday, February 5, soliciting for the cooperation of all Anambrarians for the successful conduct of the election on last Saturday. According to him, "I also warned all potential perpetrators of violence to desist from such plans and cooperate with security agencies to maintain public order and peace. Despite this warning, some miscreants went ahead to test the resolve of security agencies but were duly arrested during the election in various parts of the state."

## Abia moves to boost IGR

By Anayo Okoli

**UMUAHIA**—IN a bid to realize the N9.7 billion from Internally Generated Revenue, IGR, proposed in this year's budget, Abia State Government has engaged the services of Infiniti Segments Ltd as its consultant on revenue.

The consultant was given the mandate to ensure the realization of the N9.7 billion internally generated revenue

to enable the government carry on with its developmental projects and depend less on the Federal Allocation.

According to the state Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Jones Udeogu who briefed journalists yesterday, the consultant will also help the government block all the loopholes through which state revenue leaks.

The Commissioner said that the agreement is that the

company would raise over N800 million monthly, a figure he said the company had promised to surpass.

The agreement, he further explained took effect from February 1.

Udeogu explained that the government engaged the company on one year probation to perform and have their contract renewed or be sacked.