

4 policemen killed in Anambra

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AWKA—FOUR police men have lost their lives in Anambra State following attacks on some check points since the end of the governorship election in the state, a situation the police command said was an indication that hoodlums were back in business after following politicians during the campaigns.

Addressing newsmen in Awka, the state Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Oshodi Glover, said no fewer than 10 cases of kidnappings had been recorded within the period, adding, however, that a number of arrests had been made.

"The gubernatorial election conducted in the state had proved to be the most peaceful in the history of elections in the country. But soon afterwards, the command witnessed an avalanche of kidnappings and

killings of policemen and dispossessing them of their weapons. The command has, however, risen to the occasion and through pragmatic crime fighting strategies and intelligence gathering, some of the kidnappers were arrested. Some of the victims were also rescued from the claws of their abductors and some of the police arms were recovered, which showed the determination and doggedness of the officers and men of the command," the DCP said.

Among those paraded before newsmen were Kenechukwu Okoye (25), Chidi Uzoagara (24) and Loveth Okpara (18) all from Ogboji in Orumba South Local Government area of the state, who allegedly conspired and robbed one person of the sum of N10,000 and poured acid on one Blessing Ogwhewhe from Asaba, Delta State to enable them snatch a Golf car from him.

According to Oshodi, items recovered from the hoodlums includes one locally made double barrel pistol, a Tarcel Toyota car with number plate AA 791 NKR and a Golf car with number plate AQ 599 ASB, adding that the hoodlums all confessed to the crime.

Also paraded was one Abel Leonard, who connived with three others now at large and sent a parcel containing a threat letter and two AK 47 live ammunitions to one Azubuike Ikechukwu at Plaza Hotel in Onitsha, ordering him to pay N500,000 recharge cards through a telephone number or risk being dealt with.

Others paraded for armed robbery were Uju Enweani from Obosi, Ifeorah Tochukwu of Obodoukwu Road, Okpoko, Chukwuebuka Nnoka of Owerri Road, Onitsha, Franklin Onwuekwe of Omaba Phase 11, Onitsha, amongst others.