

Cop, man killed in renewed Ezza, Ezillo clash

By Dennis Agbo

ABAKALIKI—EVEN after the Ebonyi Police Command claim it had caught seven suspected Ezza-Ezillo militant, that have continued to unleash mayhem at the on-going communal clash, the gunmen, yesterday unleashed further attacks, killing no fewer than two passers-by,

including a suspected police officer.

Whereas the Inspector General of Police, Mr Ogbonna Onovo, was said to have ordered the arrest of over 41 Ezza political office holders, suspected to be financing the bloody two-year clash that has claimed over 400 lives, the militants regained superiority, yesterday and shut the Enugu-

Abakaliki highway from use by motorists.

Those said to be under arrest include Senator Julius Ucha, PDP, Ebonyi Central, two members of the House of Representatives, Council Chairmen, Development Centre Coordinators, Commissioners and other prominent politicians, including traditional rulers of Ezza origin in Ebonyi State. They are still being drilled in Abuja, together with the arrested suspected militants as at press time.

Vanguard learnt that they were arrested immediately after they entered into a meeting with the IG and after a brief introduction, Mr Onovo, told them that they were under arrest. Senator Ucha, was, however, said to have been granted bail on personal recognition.

The bodies of the two persons reportedly killed yesterday in the renewed shooting have been deposited in the morgue, while about 18 persons, who sustained various degrees of gunshot wounds are lying critically at the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Abakaliki.

Our correspondent gathered that a bus convening passengers from Port Harcourt was attacked at the area by gunmen at about 6a.m. The gunmen opened fire on the bus, killing one person while others who received bullet wounds were rushed to FMC hospital in Abakaliki.

Last week, the Ebonyi Police Command had paraded 10 suspects, labeled gunmen of the Ezza, Ezillo communal war, but no sooner had the police finished parading

them, that the militants stepped up their fight against the security agents, with two separate attacks at the war spot along Enugu-Abakaliki highway, killing about three persons.

Two policemen at the war front were feared dead, after yesterday's attack that involved 20 passengers traveling from Abakaliki to Enugu on business trips, but the Ebonyi Police Command could only confirm the death of a passenger.

The other 19 passengers, who sustained gunshots wound, according to police are receiving treatments at the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Abakaliki.

Passage

MADAM IHUOMA Ezuma (Nee Warrior), of Amodu Ututu, Arochukwu Local Government Area, Abia State is dead. She died after a brief illness.

She will be buried at Price Okeke Ukom-Ezumacompound, Amodu Ututu on April 5.

She is survived by her children, grand children and other relations.



Late Ihuoma Okeke

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