

# Unidentified assailants kill Rivers Civil Service Commission boss

**T**HE Chairman of the Rivers State Civil Service Commission, Chief Anthony Egobueze, has been assassinated by unidentified assailants.

Dr Rita Abbey, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) for Rivers Command, confirmed the killing in an interview in Port Harcourt yesterday.

The police image maker said Egobueze was shot dead at about 2 a.m. yesterday, June 11.

She said the hoodlums broke into the residence of the deceased, over-powered his security men and killed the victim in his room.

Abbey said that a distress call was received by the policemen at the control room of the State Police Command, Port Harcourt, at about 0300 hours and responded accordingly.

"Following the distress call, our men at Rumubiakani Police Station were detailed to respond to the call near Deeper Life Church, Mgboshimi.

"Before the police could arrive the scene, the hoodlums had shot Egobueze dead and escaped," Abbey

said.

The police image maker also said that no arrest had been made on the matter, pointing out that full scale investigation had commenced on the incident.

At the office of the deceased at the old Rivers State House Assembly in Port Harcourt, civil servants were seen in groups discussing the killing of the chairman.

A civil servant, who preferred anonymity, said Egobueze's death would be a great loss to his Ndoni

community in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area.

"Since the end of the administration of former Gov. Peter Odili, most Ndoni people see Egobueze as their eye in government and his killing would create a big vacuum for his people," he said.

An official of the Rivers State Civil Service Commission said the staff of the commission would miss the late chairman due to his humane and cheerful character.

## 9 Nigerians, 2 foreigners appear

**E**LEVEN persons, including two foreigners yesterday appeared before a Lokoja Chief Magistrate's Court for allegedly adulterating bags of cement with sand.

The Police Prosecutor, Mr Amanyi Ochepo told the court that the accused persons also repackaged the adulterated cement for sale to the public.

The accused persons are Christopher Martins, Ayo Joseph, Joseph Leyon,

Emmanuel Nestol, Gabriel Abah, Ayodele Folounsho, Atiku Murtala, Obi Ossai, Charles Canice, Joel Sunday and Burka Hamidu.

Nestol and Leyon are said to be foreigners from Benin Republic.

Ochepo said that they were apprehended at Irepeni village on the Lokoja-Kabba road, near Obajana Cement Company along with their working tools.

He said that the accused