

Robbers kill DPO, injure 2 cops in Delta

BY EMMA AMAIZE

WARRI—A DIVISIONAL Police Officer, DPO, was ambushed and shot dead by a gang of armed bandits, weekend, at Obiaruku, headquarters of Ukwuani Local Government Area in Delta State, while responding to a distress call.

Two other policemen, who accompanied him were injured by the robbers and are said to be hospitalized at press time.

Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Delta State Police Command, Mr. Charles Muka, confirmed the killing of the DPO when contacted, yesterday, by *Vanguard*, but said the detail was still sketchy.

He, however, confirmed that the DPO received a distress call from somebody over a robbery attack and in his usual manner, he led his men to the scene of the operation to rescue the victims, but, unknown to him, the robbers suspected that one of the victims might have called the police, and laid an ambush.

His words, "He was a very gallant officer. We all knew him to be a fearless and hardworking police officer, always ready to save the lives of others, no

matter the risk involved. That was why he personally led the rescue operation. It was his style and we all knew him for that, but, look at what had just happened. It is an

irreparable loss to the Nigeria Police Force."

It was gathered that the DPP was chased after and shot dead by the bandits, who gave him no chance of survival. Two other police-

men were injured. The entire area was thrown into confusion when it was noticed that the person shot dead was the DPO for the area, even though the robbers reportedly escaped after the bloody exchange.

A police officer told *Vanguard*, "we received the news of the death of the DPO through our communication system. The entire Delta State Police Command was thrown into a rude shock. The DPO was a very dutiful officer, who leads by example. He would never send his boys on an assignment he would not go himself."

I don't believe Uduaghan called for my sack—Gbagi

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WARRI—MINISTER of State for Education, Olorogun Kenneth Gbagi, weekend, said the Governor of Delta State, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, had called him on phone to refute the story that he (Governor) called for his sack from the Federal Executive Cabinet at a recent meeting of the Governors' Forum.

Olorogun Gbagi, who spoke to newsmen, weekend, in Warri, Delta State, said he held no grudges against the Governor on the matter because the Governor's explanation sounded cogent to him. Some national dallies had reported that Uduaghan at the last meeting of the Governor's Forum called

for the removal of the Minister of Niger Delta, Elder Godsdan Orubebe and Gbagi, both of whom hail from the state.

Voter registration: Ekpotu to A-Ibom citizens

UYO — AKWA Ibom State Deputy Governor, Engr. Patrick Ekpotu, weekend, joined in the call for citizens of the state, who are of voting age, to turn out en-masse and register in the ongoing voters' registration exercise by the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC.

He made the call while inspecting the registration exercise in Ikpa Nung Assang and Ikot Akpan Udo in Ikot Abasi;

Abama in Obot Akara and Atai Ibiaku in Itu Local Government Areas of the state.

After registering at the Ikpa Nung Assang Ward 1, Unit 1 Centre, the Deputy Governor urged the people to take the exercise seriously, emphasizing that the current dispensation of one-man, one-vote will

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