

# ....As task force kills 2 suspected robbers in Warri

BY EMMA AMAIZE

**W**ARRI—TWO armed bandits were shot dead, weekend, during a gun battle with men of the Anti-Kidnapping Task Force of Delta Waterways Security Committee, DWSC, Warri, Delta State.

A gang of robbers had earlier attacked a shop at Ogbe-Ijoh market, Warri, and shot dead a couple and their sales girl for allegedly refusing to handover gold and other jewelries in their shop to them.

But policemen attached to the anti-kidnapping task force, who were on township patrol, intercepted an armed robbery gang said to have been terrorising residents of Ogbe-Ijoh, Warri and environs.

On sighting the police, the robbers opened fire to scare them, but the policemen replied with superior firepower, killing two of the hoodlums.

Sensing that they might be killed too, the other gang members took to their heels, leaving behind three locally-made pistols with three live cartridges.

While the exchange of gun fire lasted, panic gripped residents who feared that the bandits could overpower the police, but they went into jubilation when they saw two robbers

lying dead after the battle.

A police source who confirmed the report said the corpses of the deceased robbers were deposited at the Central Hospital, Warri.

## Nigeria's future depends on quality of human resources — Oshiomhole

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**B**ENIN—EDO State Governor, Comrade Adams Oshiomhole, weekend, in Benin said the future of the country depended on the quality of its human resources and not its natural resources.

The governor, who spoke at Benson Idahosa University, Benin, where he was conferred with the Honorary Doctorate of Science (D.Sc) in Political Science, said what determined the greatness of a nation was the quality of its human resources.

According to him, "therefore, private universities such as Benson Idahosa University

ought to benefit from Federal grants. A university in so many ways contributes to the development of the society, so it should benefit from government support".

The governor, while expressing dismay at the level of unemployment in the country, however, said President Goodluck Jonathan appreciated that this economy must create jobs and appealed to the graduates to appreciate that unemployment was being solved adding that "at the state level we are working on it".

Oshiomhole, who explained that there was no perfect country, urged the people not to give up

## EGCDF slams opposition to MoU with Chevron

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**W**ARRI—EGBEMA and Gbaramatu Communities Development Foundation, EGCDF, in both Warri North and Warri South-West Local

Government areas of Delta State, weekend said those opposed to the Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, with Chevron Nigeria Ltd, were self-seeking individuals and groups without the interest of the affected communities.

A joint statement by Mr. Felix Adanse, Chairman, Communications Committee and Kennedy Brake, Secretary Communications Committee of EGCDF, claimed those faulting the MoU were trouble makers seeking attention and lacked the *locus standi* to speak on behalf of the two communities.

The statement read in part: "We wish to clarify and correct some misguided, unfounded, baseless outbursts credited to some faceless indigenes of Gbaramatu kingdom in Warri South-West Local Government Areas of Delta state, asking the state government to ban the interventionist community based organization, EGCDF, EGCDC, and some others even went extra-mile of suing Chevron Nigeria Ltd and EGCDF"

on the nation, saying Nigeria must work.

"We have not solved all the problems of Edo State but we have shown that the people are in charge. No state will have the resources to do what it wants but with the right ideas and plans, you will find the resources to work for the people," he said.

In a citation, Benson Idahosa University said its decision to honour Gov Oshiomhole was based on his "political sagacity and his commitment to changing the face of governance in the state by revamping and providing the needed infrastructure which has repositioned the state as one which is now the envy of others.