

Robbers torture driver to death

BY PETER OKUTU

A BAKALIKI—A middle-aged man identified as Bartholomew Igwe was in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State capital, last week gruesomely murdered by suspected armed robbers for attempting to call the police while they raided a petrol station in the city.

The deceased had his hands and legs tied, while his face was also blindfolded by the robbers who made away with undisclosed sums of money belonging to owner of the station, Alahire Precious Resources Company, on Ogoja Road, Abakaliki.

Vanguard investigation revealed that the victim, who had, about 2 am, slept in one of the rooms in the company when the robbers struck, had machete cuts all over his body.

It was also gathered that the bandits also shot him to ensure that he did not

survive the attack.

Meanwhile, a close friend to the owner of the company who did not want his name in print, told *Vanguard* that the man was murdered because of his alleged attempt to contact the Police while the hoodlums were raiding the premises.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ebonyi State Police Command,

ASP John Eluu, who confirmed the incident, stated that the driver closed at work around 1 O'clock in the morning but decided to sleep in the company instead of his house, especially as his house was far from the office.

He added that the robbers tied the victim's hands, legs and then killed him instantly.

LG workers protest in Owerri

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O W E R R I — MEMBERS of National Union of Local Government Employees, NULGE, stormed Owerri yesterday afternoon to protest alleged maltreatments and acts of injustice against local government workers in

Imo State.
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NULGE Chairman, Mr. Ambrose Onuoha, who reeled out 11-point grievances of the workers before the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Mr. Jerry Okolie, also warned that the union would resist actions or inactions to shortchange their members in the state.

He accused the

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