

Robbers kill SSS official, shoot another in Enugu

●Police blame spate of attacks on cult clashes

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ENUGU—AN official of the State Security Service, SSS, in Enugu, Mr. Petrus Onwu, was shot dead by a four-man armed robbery gang operating on two motorcycles along Ogui road in Enugu metropolis, **w e e k e n d**.

The gang had earlier robbed a meat shop located at the old Artisan market where they shot a female sales girl, one Miss Philomena Udealor, on the leg and carted away an unspecified amount of money from the shop.

Vanguard learnt that the robbers, who were armed with sophisticated weapons, were said to be fleeing from the market when they saw the SSS officer driving in a Mercedes Benz car with his wife and children in the opposite direction and one of them shot him in the **h e a d**.

The state police command, however, blamed rising wave of violent crimes in Enugu on activities of cult members who were on a revenge mission, after recent bloody clashes that claimed several lives.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ebereb Amaraizu, who confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday, said the command had commenced investigations into the alleged cult activities and clashes that resulted in armed robbery and murder weekend. He said: "On May 4, 2012, men suspected to be cultists had allegedly struck twice on different locations with a motorcycle poparily known as *Okada*, wounding one Philomena

Udealor, a sales girl with one meat shop located at Artisan market, dispossessing her of the daily proceeds made on that **day**.

"As they sited police patrol vehicle on distress call to the scene, the hoodlums fired sporadically and fled. One man later identified as Petrus Onwu, a staff of State Security Services, was also hit with a bullet on his head as he was driving with his wife in a Mercedes Benz 230E

with registration no BS138 KJA along Ogui road during the said incident," the police spokesman said.

He said the SSS staff, who was immediately rushed to Annunciation Hospital Emene, was later confirmed dead by the doctor and his corpse was deposited at the hospital's mortuary for post mortem examination, while Philomena Udealor with gunshot wound who was admitted at Parklane Hospital, Enugu, is said to be responding to treatment.

Fourth-tier policy: Okorocha sacks NULGE officials

●As Imo NLC drags him to IAP

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Rochas Okorocha of Imo State has ordered dismissal of officials of the Nigerian Union of Local Government Employees, NULGE, in Ehime Mbano local council area of the state for resisting deployment to his fourth-tier of government.

Okorocha has equally warned that he would not hesitate to dismiss any worker that refuses posting to the controversial fourth-tier government.

This came as the state branch of Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, dragged the governor to the Industrial Arbitration Panel over "the controversial policies of his administration as it affects workers".

Okorocha, who read the riot act during a meeting

with political office holders, also warned that the same fate awaited any person or group of persons inciting others in whatever guise against embracing the fourth-tier policy.

"Any civil servant that refuses posting will be summarily dismissed from service, including those that may hide under labour unionism to frustrate the smooth take-off of the fourth tier government in the rural communities," Okorocha warned.

Meanwhile, the Industrial Arbitration Panel has had its first sitting but the state government was neither represented at the sitting nor wrote to explain its absence.

The State NLC Secretary, Comrade Augustine Chilakpu, promised that labour would exhaust all options in industrial dispute negotiations before going for the last option.