

**CONFAB**—Governor Theodore Orji of Abia State (middle); Brigadier Gen. Nnamdi Okere-Affia, DG, NYSC (right); and Mrs. Victoria Okakwu, State Co-ordinator, NYSC (left); during the 2012 annual management conference of the National Youth Service Corps in Umuahia.

# Ex-Vanguard staff, 3 others die in auto crash

BY TONY EDIKE

**ENUGU**—FORMER media aide to Col. Robert Akonobi, ex-military governor of old Anambra State, Mr. Conrad Bosah,

and three others lost their lives in two different auto crashes in Enugu on Tuesday. Bosah, who was also an ex-staff of Vanguard Newspapers, met his

untimely death along the Enugu-Onitsha expressway while returning to his Coal city residence after a trip to his home-state, Anambra. Sources said Bosah was

being driven in a KIA Sportage Jeep by his driver when a trailer hit their vehicle and inflicted serious injuries on them. The veteran journalist was said to have died on the spot while the driver was unconscious.

While Bosah's corpse has been deposited at the Eastern Nigeria Medical Centre mortuary, his driver is now on admission at the Accident and Emergency Ward of the National Orthopedic Hospital, Enugu.

In another multiple accident involving two big trucks, two cars and a 608 commuter bus at Ama Breweries junction on the Ninth Mile corner-Nsukka highway, three persons reportedly lost their lives while several other passengers sustained injuries.

The ever-busy Ninth Mile-Nsukka highway was blocked for several hours on account of the accident but through the combined rescue efforts of police, Federal Road Safety Commission and sympathizers, the road was later reopened to traffic.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, who confirmed the two accidents when contacted yesterday, said those injured in the auto crashes had been hospitalized at the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Enugu, adding that investigations had commenced to determine the cause of the auto crashes.

## SSS parades 23-yr-old lady, 8 others suspected robbers in Anambra

BY VINCENT UJU-MADU

**AWKA**—THE State Security Service, SSS, yesterday in Awka, Anambra State, paraded nine persons over alleged robbery in parts of the state. The suspects included a 23-year-old female, Miss Blessing Orji, who claimed to be an accounting student of Federal Polytechnic, Oke.

Seven of the suspects, including the girl, hail from villages in Awka, while one is from Awba Ofemili in Awka North.

The last person, Jidenuwa, (19) is from Ondo State and most of them were said to belong to cult groups that had been terrorizing Awka and its environs.

The names of the other suspects were given as Chinedu Bosah (20), Ugochukwu Anekwe (20), Ebuka Nwude (17), Chidiebere Nnatuanya (19), Tochukwu Eze (18), Ndubuisi Okoye (18), Onyeka Ekweozor (20).

The state director of SSS, Mr. Alex Okeiyi, told newsmen that the suspects were apprehended on May 13, 2012, during a search

in their hideouts which included a hotel in Awka.

According to Okeiyi, the girl was arrested along with her boy friend in the hotel where they had spent five days and were paying N5,000 per night.

He added that during the raid, 25 handsets, many sim

cards, internet modems and laptops, arms and other dangerous weapons were recovered from them.

He further said preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects belonged to senior and junior cadres of the dreaded Vikings Confraternity.

## Imo specialist hospital workers' begin strike

●Over irregular payment of salaries

BY CHIDI NKWOPARA

**OWERRI**—STAFF of Imo Specialist Hospital, Owerri, yesterday embarked on indefinite industrial action over irregular payment of salaries and anti-labour policies of the hospital management.

At about 2.30pm when Vanguard visited the hospital, relatives of patients on admission were seen moving their loved ones hurriedly from the hospital to alternative health institutions.

Vanguard investigations revealed that before the workers closed shop, they marched through a distance of about five kilometres from the Specialist Hospital to Government House, to lay their complaint.

They carried placards with varying inscriptions, some of which read: "Are we staff of Imo Specialist Hospital, Government staff or private staff; If you no fit manage the hospital, away!!!; and Rescue General Hospital, Owerri; Okorocho, please take us back to HMB".

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