

# 1 killed as robbers raid LG Hq in Delta

BY GODWIN OGHRE

**S**APELE—BARELY a week after a lorry crushed a pregnant woman, the people of Oghara, headquarters of Ethiopie West Local Government Area, Delta State, have again been thrown into another mourning, as daredevil robbers, numbering about 20, yesterday, invaded the town and killed a vigilante member, one Mr. Kingsley Awinore, popularly called, Aboki.

The commissioner representing Sapele, Okpe and Ethiopie West Zone on the Board of Delta State Oil Producing Area Development Commission, DESOPADEC, Dr Henry Ofah, told *Vanguard* in Oghara, that the victim was shot dead close to his house, while he was returning from a rescue mission in the neighborhood, where the robbers had launched an attacked and shot sporadically for over 30

minutes.

Ofah said the victim, who had two wives and children was a prominent member of the Oghara Vigilante group and had lived a dedicated live to the service of his community, noting that the people of Oghara would

miss his anti-robbery stance.

He noted that robberies and kidnappings had been on the increase in the community in recent times despite the heavy presence of security agencies, including, the Oghara naval headquarters, the

Nigerian Police Force, MOPOL unit and army detachment in the area.

A senior police officer at the Oghara Police Station who did not want his name in print told this reporter, that the police in Oghara was working hard to track down the robbers.

## JTF invasion: Ayakoromo community demands pay out

BY EMMAMAIZE

**W**ARRI—THIRTY-SIX months after Ayakoromo community in Burutu Local Government Area of Delta State was invaded by the Joint Task Force, JTF, on the Niger-Delta, during the manhunt for ex-militant leader, late John Togo and fighters of his Niger Delta Liberation Force, NDLF, the community has demanded compensation from the Federal Government for the scores of lives that were lost and property destroyed.

A community leader and National President of Ijaw

Peoples Development Initiative International, Mr Austin Ozobo, spoke to *Vanguard* on their demands, said: "We have not been adequately cared for, we were rejected, neglected and abandoned to suffer, and we are still under the agony of the ugly experience."

He said that hundreds of persons, including men, women and children were killed in the community during the raid on the village, lamenting "After two years of the incident, the government is silent over how the victims will be

rehabilitated and re-integrated in order to make life meaningful for them. By this, I mean payment of compensation to the families of the deceased persons, those whose property were destroyed and befitting burial for the souls of the departed."

"Up till now, normalcy had not been restored to the community. We are dying of hunger, as we cannot go to fish or farm, which is our main source of income, since our fishing materials, farm equipment and farmland were affected.