



From left; Guest Speaker and Managing Director/ CEO, Samsung Electronics West Africa Limited, Mr. Idorenyen Enang; Chief Executive Officer, Masterpiece Resource Development Centre, MRDC, Mrs. Modupe Oyekunle, Board member, Mrs. Olubunmi Fabamwo and Special Speaker, Mr. Jimmy Agbaje, at the opening of a 2 day Conference on Young Entrepreneur Network at NECA House, Alausa, Ikeja. PHOTO: Kehinde Gbadamosi

JTF kills 4, recovers bomb-laden vehicle in Kano

BY ABDULSALAM MUHAMMAD

THE Joint Military Task Force (JTF), early yesterday, killed four suspected militants during a shoot out at a hideout at Janbulo Quarters of Rijiyar Zaki area of Kano metropolis.

JTF sources said the hideout, a magnificent building, served as an operational base for militants terrorizing the ancient city.

The raid came less than 24 hours after the security outfit arrested four suspects at Waje Friday Mosque trying to plant an explosives in over 15,000 capacity worship centre located within an expanse of land that separated the predominantly Christian quarter from their Hausa Muslims host.

A primed Honda car was recovered from the hideout after a two-hour combat operation alongside heavy weaponry and assorted military hardware.

Residents who spoke on the condition of anonymity after the mop up by the military, explained that they were shocked over the arms discovery at the premises of the magnificent building.

JTF spokesman in the city, Lt. Ikedichi Iweha,

confirmed the operation in a chat with *Sunday Vanguard* adding: "An operation was carried out resulting in a gun duel, at the end of which four suspected terrorists were killed in their hideout, located at Jan-block of Rijiyar Zaki general area."

Iweha said the operation was carried out based on tips from the public, while calling on residents in the state to continue supporting the security agencies with information to make Kano free from terrorists.

Iweha confirmed that a rigged Honda car was also recovered from the residence, adding that "from all indications the vehicle was primed for a suicide mission". He however declined comments on the number of arrests made by JTF during the operation.

7 feared dead as police, robbers clash in Anambra

BY VINCENT UJUMADU

NO fewer than seven persons, three police men and four suspected armed robbers, were feared dead during a gun battle on Friday night at Okija, Anambra State along the Onitsha - Owerri expressway. It was gathered that the robbers, who dressed in camouflaged army uniforms and were driving in a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), had double-crossed the police patrol team, made up of members of the Inspector-General of Police (IGP)'s Special Task Force on Heinous Crimes for Zone C, and opened fire. In the ensuing gun battle, seven persons died, three on the side of the police and four on the side of the robbers. One police man

was also injured.

According to an eye witness, when the heat of the superior fire power of the IGP's squad became unbearable for the surviving members of the gang, they abandoned their car and fled with gunshot wounds.

Anambra State Police Command could not be reached at press time, but the Commander of the IGP's Task Force on Heinous Crimes, Zone C, Mr. Ogwuni Edwin, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), told *Sunday Vanguard* on telephone that the hoodlums could be the criminals they arrested and charged to court few months ago, but were later granted bail by the court. He said that his men fought gallantly to kill some of the bandits and even recovered their car riddled with bullets. The

SUV, he suspected, might have been snatched from somebody for the operation, adding that if his men had had a plain operational

vehicle which did not have police colours or number plate the criminals would not have easily identified them.

Ondo 2012: ACN aspirants reject Akeredolu, alleges imposition

BY DAYO JOHNSON

THE centre is no longer holding in the opposition Action Congress of Nigeria in Ondo state as twelve of the governorship aspirants unanimously rejected the choice of Mr. Rotimi Akeredolu as the candidate of the party in the October 20 election.

At a meeting held in Akure, the aspirants, all from the northern part of

aspirants who had been promised of free choice of candidate has input on the emergence of the former NBA President". Meanwhile, the Campaign Committee of Robert Ajayi Boroffice has refuted a newspaper report that said they had agreed on the candidature of

Akeredolu. Boroffice said: "I wish to state categorically that I DID NOT SAY SO and will not support his aspiration because the manner in which he emerged is short of being transparent contrary to assurance given to aspirants that the ACN candidate in

Ondo State will emerge through consensus and in a transparent manner in line with the criteria set up by the party and recommendation of the Committee set up.

"I urge all my supporters and the good people of Ondo State to disregard the said news publication".

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