

# Suspected female lawyer's kidnapper killed in police, gang shoot out

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**B**ENIN—A man allegedly involved in

## Esan monarchs hail Oshiomhole's victory

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**B**ENIN CITY—TRADITIONAL rulers from Edo Central Senatorial District of Edo State, yesterday, described Governor Adams Oshiomhole as the governor, who has the genuine mandate of the people.

They said the jubilation that followed his victory at the just-concluded governorship election in the state was a clear testimony of his popularity.

The traditional rulers led by Onojie of Opoji, Zaiki Aidenojie Ehidiame, spoke at Government House, Benin City, when they paid the governor a congratulatory visit.

They noted that it was the best election the state had witnessed since its creation, adding that thugs and election riggers were made jobless.

the kidnap of a female lawyer in Edo State has been shot dead during a gun duel with the Police

anti-kidnapping squad in Benin.

*Vanguard* gathered that the police acting on

Zaiki Ehidiame said: "We came to congratulate the governor on the victory, which revealed God's hand at work. We are also appreciative of the role of *Oba* of Benin, who urged peace and progress during the election.

"We have full confidence in the governor. We now have a governor, who has the genuine mandate of the people, you are the governor of all Edo."

In his response, Oshiomhole thanked the traditional rulers for their prayers and support during the campaign and election.

## N-Delta militants, Boko Haram urged to embrace dialogue

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**S** A P E L E — DISCUSSANTS, weekend, urged insurgents in the Niger Delta area and the *Boko Haram* Islamic sect, to embrace dialogue as a way of making their grievances known to the Federal Government and stakeholders in the oil and gas industry.

The discourse, organised by Okpe Youth As-

sociation in Warri, Delta State, noted that violence had never solved a problem rather, it had continuously wreak havoc on humanity.

One of the discussants, Mrs. E. Onokpasa, in her paper entitled, *Dialogue as a Better Weapon than Violence*, said dialogue can lead to reduction in misunderstanding, conflicts and tension.

a tip-off, tracked a four-man gang to Ogida quarters in the state capital, where the shooting took place.

As the shoot-out ensued, two other members of the gang were arrested by the police while arms and ammunition, including unspecified amount of money were recovered from the hoodlums.

It was learnt that the abducted female lawyer, wife to a professor was kidnapped penultimate Sunday and was said to have regained freedom a day later after allegedly paying N1million as ransom.

It was learnt that the abduction of the woman and her release triggered off covert investigation by security agencies in Benin City.

Edo State Police Command image-maker, Mr. Anthony Airhuoyo, when contacted, said full investigation had commenced as those in police custody were assisting in investigation.