

Anti-Vandals Squad during an operation. INSET: An operative battered during an encounter with police

to various quarters, but, to our astonishment, they come here to parley with the vandals and nobody hears anything again," he alleged.

During VM's visit to Isawo Division, she was referred to the State Police Public Relations Officer, but a senior police officer who pleaded anonymity said investigations were ongoing.

Meanwhile, the National Public Relations Officer for NSCDC, Okeh Emmanuel, has reiterated the Corp's mandate to fight oil theft, illegal bunkering and vandalism of public infrastructure. He added that it is intensifying efforts to partner with all and sundry in order to win the war. Okeh also said government has stepped into the matter for fur-

ther investigations.

In March 2013, two members of NSCDC were sent to their early graves when a patrol team of the Anti-vandals Squad was allegedly ambushed by policemen from Isawo division.

This is beside the reported killing of two operatives of the squad, Gabriel Adaji and Innocent Akegbe, who were felled by police bullets in 2013.

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