His assailants reportedly laid siege close to his residence and when Mr. Anyanwu noticed some unusual happenings around his compound, he released his Alsatian dogs.

The dogs immediately charged at the intruders but they were summarily despatched by lethal fire from the attackers. With the dogs out of the way, the hoodlums bundled Mr. Anyanwu out of his compound. He never came back alive. His lifeless body was later discovered where it was abandoned.

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The bereaved family later picked and buried whatever remained of him. They are still grieving till date.

Victim No.5: The case of the Permanent Secretary in the Office of the Deputy Governor, Mr. Emenike Ihekwoaba, an architect by training, is most disturbing.

He was kidnapped in 2012, on his way to Nkwerre, his country home. Nobody has seen him till date. Nobody can convincingly tell if he is alive or dead. His family has remained in the dark and is not sure whether to mourn or continue hoping for his eventual return.

Police onslaught: As news of the murder of Onyekele spread like wild fire, the PPRO confirmed the killing of two suspected armed robbers at "No Man's Land", along the expressway. Giving details of this later incident after displaying the lifeless bodies of the robbers, Mr. Enwerem said that the patrol team was still tracking the fleeing kidnappers when they received a distress call that

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armed robbers were operating along Owerri-Onitsha express way.

"The police quickly moved in and on sighting the patrol team, the robbers opened fire. During the exchange of fire, one of the robbers was gunned down and others escaped with gunshot wounds," t

he said.

The Police spokesman also said while the police was still combing the area, they picked the second suspect, stressing that he however, died on the way to hospital.

"Items recovered from the hoodlums included one locally- made shotgun, two machetes, three expended cartridges, torchlight and a toy gun. The Command is still investigating the two cases," the PPRO said.

## CP on the offensive

Crime Alert gathered also that based on this development, police authorities have swung into action with a view to unearthing the motive for such killings, whether it was murder, assassination or contract killing, who the perpetrators and their financiers are, etc.

It was reliably learnt that the state police boss, has since set up a crack team of detectives with marching orders to unravel the mysteries surrounding the killings and bring the perpetrators to book without delay.