

been attacked in one month by hoodlums.

The trio of General Editor, Adekunle Adekoya, Etop Ekanem and Oboh Agbonkhese were on their way to work at *Vanguard's* corporate head-

dent lasted 20 minutes.

"They also attacked other cars in the traffic. Some motorists even left their vehicles and ran away."

Asked if the hoodlums were armed, Etop replied: "They

where is the nearest hospital?" Mr. Anaeto, the Economy Editor, who was attacked in front of the National Stadium, said he abandoned his car and tried to escape, but was surrounded by about 10 of the hoodlums,

Navy
The area is one of the designated points for Navy patrol since the launch of a task force, *Operation Gbale*, a Yoruba word for sweeping, by the former Flag Officer Commanding, FOC, Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral Ilesanmi Alade, to proffer a lasting solution to the traffic gridlock that had kept Apapa on lockdown for years.

A senior Naval officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, pointed out that the control of traffic was not the constitutional responsibility of the Navy, but that it decided to help out because of the security implication of such situation.

However, Naval authorities assured *Vanguard* that officers would be drafted to the axis.

Bike rider burnt to death on Third Mainland Bridge

By Bose Adelaja

TRAGEDY struck, yesterday, on Third Mainland Bridge, Lagos, as an unidentified motorcyclist was roasted to death.

The incident was said to have occurred at the UNILAG area of the bridge around 6a.m., which resulted in a traffic jam.

According to eyewitnesses, the unidentified rider, who rode alone

from Iyana-Oworo end, was speeding.

He was flagged down by some law enforcement agents, who warned him to maintain normal speed but he was defiant.

It was learned that on getting to UNILAG area, the motorcycle slipped, crashed and fire erupted, which engulfed the rider. He was said to have been burnt beyond recognition.

Another account had it that the fire might have been ignited by the fact that the victim was in possession of petroleum product.

The incident was said to have caused panic on the bridge as the source of the gridlock was not known to many, who thought it was caused by political campaigns, until some law enforcement agents were able to contain the situation.

Oshodi Expressway have been going through hell, daily, in the unending traffic gridlock caused by drivers of heavy duty

