

# Police Inspector killed in shootout with herdsmen in Delta

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**U**GHELLI—THE remains of a Police Inspector identified as Muhammad, was yesterday recovered after he was declared missing following a gun battle with herdsmen at a bush in Uvwiamughe community, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.

A combined team of vigilante and policemen drafted from the Anti-kidnapping Squad, Asaba, with reinforcement from Agbarho and Ughelli police divisions, had invaded the area in a bid to flush out the herdsmen, who had laid siege along the community's axis of the East-West Road, kidnapping commuters.

The hoodlums had, on Monday, ambushed travellers along the road and abducted a staff of the Nigeria Petroleum Development Company, NPDC, and his driver.

However, in a bid to rescue the victims and apprehend the hoodlums, security agents, during the Wednesday downpour, invaded the den of the kidnappers, leading to a gun battle.

Giving details of the incident, a senior police officer from the Agbarho Police Division, disclosed that the victims escaped from the kidnapper's den during the shootout.

He added: "Unfortunately, a police inspector from the Anti-Kidnapping Squad, Asaba, was killed during the incident.

"A search team was sent to the bush to recover his remains yesterday morning, where it was discovered that he was shot on the head and body thrice. His pistol placed by his side."

## ...terrorists kill 9 farmers in Maiduguri

Meanwhile, nine farmers were, on Wednesday afternoon, killed in Malari general area in Dala, Maiduguri metropolis by members of the Boko Haram sect.

Malari is South-West of the metropolis and about 7-kilometre drive from Maiduguri, Borno State capital.

The killing of farmers on their farmlands is barely 10 weeks after Governor Babagana Zulum launched a special task force tagged, Ranchers, made up of the Nigeria Security and Civil

Defence Corps, Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF, and vigilantes/hunters to protect farmers against insurgents.

A CJTF operative, who participated in evacuating the remains of some of the deceased, said the victims were slaughtered after being surrounded by armed insurgents in their farmlands.

# Father, friend defile 12-yr-old daughter

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**L**AGOS—AN Ebute-Meta Chief Magistrate's Court, yesterday, ordered that a father, Michael Abraham, who, along with his friend, Sylvester Dike, defiled his 12-year-old daughter, be remanded in a correctional facility.

The Police charged Abraham, father to the minor, and Dike, 35, with three counts of conspiracy, unlawful sexual assault and defilement.

Both defendants, however, pleaded not guilty.

Chief Magistrate Adeola Adedayo remanded the defendants at the Nigerian Correctional Service in Ikoyi, pending when the matter would be filed at the Sexual and Special Offences Court, Ikeja.

She adjourned the case until October 9 for mention.

Earlier, prosecution counsel, Inspector Chinalu Uwadione, told the court that the defendants committed the offence between December 2018 and September 9 at 13, Godmon Street, Okota.

He alleged that Abraham defiled his daughter and also invited his friend Dike to take part.

Uwadione said the offence contravened the provisions of Sections 137 and 263(1) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

## ...43-yr-old rapes neighbour's 6-yr-old daughter in Ogun

Similarly, Ogun Police Command, yesterday, arrested a 43-year-old man identified as Oluwole Bamidele, for raping a co-tenant's daughter in Agoro area of Agbado in the state.

A statement by the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyeyemi, made available to newsmen in Abeokuta, explained that Oluwole lured the six-year-old co-tenant's daughter into his room after her mother had gone out to see a tailor.

Oyeyemi explained that the suspect was arrested on Friday, September 13, after the father of the victim, Ikechuckwu Orji, reported the suspect to the Police.

He added that Oluwole was denying the crime until a medical examination was carried out, which confirmed that the victim had been defiled.

Oyeyemi said: "A 43-year-old man Oluwole Bamidele has been arrested by men of Ogun State Police Command on September 13, for having unlawful carnal knowledge of a six-year-old girl.

"His arrest followed a report by one Ikechukwu Blessing Orji, who reported at Agbado Police Station that while his wife went out to give cloth to her tailor at about 12:45p.m. of the date, the suspect, a co-tenant, lured his six-year-old daughter into his room and raped her."