

Motorist beheaded after gunmen attack Imo Police station

By Chinonso Alozie

OWERRI—A motorist plying Owerri/Orlu road in Imo State, in his Siena vehicle, whose identity was yet to be identified, has been beheaded by unknown gunmen with the man's legs and hands chopped off at Okwudor junction in Njaba Local Government Area.

Vanguard gathered that the incident happened on Saturday.

According to some community sources, hoodlums have been terrorising them in the area for the past one week.

They said: "We woke up early morning on Saturday and discovered along the road at Okwudor junction in Njaba Local Government Area, a lifeless body with his head, hands and legs cut off. We think they are hardened criminals looking for a way to prepare charms for themselves.

"On Friday night, we had several gunshots from different areas around the Okwudor junction. We were afraid that armed robbers had already come to attack us in our village but after about 30 minutes, everywhere

was calm and we were surprised to come out and see this dead body. We were afraid these hoodlums want to take over Njaba."

In another development, over ten vehicles have been set ablaze and two suspected Police Officers killed when unknown gunmen attacked Njaba Divisional Police station at about 02:40 pm on Saturday.

Also buildings belonging to Njaba Police Station were completely razed.

Some people who spoke to Vanguard said: "These men who attacked the Njaba Police station were in their convoy and they wore black attire. When they came, they first of all started shooting in the air and people ran away.

"They moved into the police station and killed about two persons there and burnt the police station. They may have taken away some arms and ammunition in the police station and released those in detention."

Reacting, the State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mike Abatam, said that not only that two of the suspected hoodlums were killed but that the Operation Restore Peace Team of the police had cordoned off the Njaba area.

"Cordon and pursuant exercise is ongoing in the area and members of the public residing in the area should not panic as the ongoing Police clearance operation is designed to root out violent criminals in that axis and they should avail Police information of persons seen treating bullet wounds or hiding within the community and also report to the nearest police station," Police said.

Anambra gubernatorial election: Ojukwu

By Dennis Agbo

ENUGU—AHEAD of the November 6 governorship election in Anambra State, the All Progressives Grand Alliance, APGA, has resolved differences with the wife of the late Igbo leader, Amb. Bianca Ojukwu.

Chairman of the party's reconciliation committee, Senator Victor Umeh said that the reconciliation became necessary to bring members of the party in Anambra together as one family, in order to successfully confront the various tasks ahead of the party.

Umeh who led members of the committee to Ojukwu's residence in Enugu, on Saturday, said that