



AFTERMATH OF ANAMBRA POLL: Youth leader, 2 others shot dead

By Chimaobi Nwaiwu

NEWI—A youth leader, identified as Achike, and two others have been shot dead in Ogidi, Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State, barely four days after the conduct of the gubernatorial election in the state.

The youths were allegedly shot dead by three yet to be identified gun men at 7th Mile axis of Ogidi at 3p.m. on Wednesday.

The incident has put fears into the residents and indigenes, who described the development as having political undertone.

According to a version of the report, the youths were said to be at a political meeting at 3p.m. on the fateful day, eating, drinking and possibly waiting for their largess from their party having finished the conduct of the gubernatorial election, when they were attacked.

According to a youth, who claimed to be at the member, "We had to run for safety and nobody has asked of the outcome of the meeting till now because there is fear of uncertainty in the land."

Also another source, said: "The meeting was going on when suddenly some men came in and beckoned on the youth leader to come with them outside the meeting for a little discussion and he followed them.

"Within some minutes, we heard severe gunshots everywhere and the youth leader was gunned down with two others.

"Yes, we were having political meeting and the expectation was that we would be given money for work well done during the election."

Contacted, the Ogidi Divisional Police Officer, DPO, Mr Ekuri Remigius, confirmed the incident.

Also, when contacted the state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr Tochukwu Ikenga, said that investigation was ongoing to unravel the remote cause of the incident.



PARADED: 10 suspected kidnappers arrested by security operatives in Niger State.

36-year-old A'lbom man to die by hanging for killing father

By Chioma Onuegbu

UYO—A 36-year-old man, Victor Etimeyo Obot, a native of Ikot Obio Mkpang Ikono in Uyo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State has been sentenced to die by hanging for killing his father, whom he accused of being responsible for his misfortune in life.

Obot was sentenced, yesterday, after he was found guilty of murder by Justice Okon Okon of an Akwa Ibom State High Court in Uyo.

Delivering his judgment, Justice Okon said: "There is a credible and acceptable evidence that the deceased died shortly after the accused attacked him with a machete. I have no doubt that the accused did not only intend to cause the deceased grievous bodily harm but resolved to kill him for the unsubstantiated allegation that his father was the cause of his problems.

"The intent to kill can be formed from the nature of the weapon used and the use of a lethal and dead-dealing weapon in the sensitive part of the body like neck. The prosecution has led credible, cogent and acceptable evidence to prove beyond reasonable doubt the essential ingredients of the offence of murder against the accused.

"I hold, therefore, that the killing of the deceased by his son in the circumstances stated in the evidence in this case, was unlawful, inexcusable and unjustifiable."

The court also held that the accused acted callously in the gruesome murder and betrayal of his father, stressing that the deceased did not deserve to die by the very hand of his son.

"Even the Heavens weep over the senseless killing of the old man, whose death the son rejoiced over, and construed it

as the beginning of his freedom from his problems.

"I hereby, find you, Victor Etimeyo Obot guilty of murder as charged and accordingly convict you. You are to be hanged by the neck until you be dead," the court said.

Troops eliminate 31 terrorists, arrest 71; 1,186 surrender in 2 weeks

THE Defence Headquarters, said, yesterday that troops of Operation Hadin Kai, eliminated 31 terrorists, arrested 71 and received 1,186 surrendered insurgents in two weeks in the North East.

Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig.-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, disclosed this while briefing newsmen on