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Gunmen ambush, kill DPO, injure others during rescue operation

U GHELLI — SUSPECTED gunmen, on Sunday, ambushed and killed the Divisional Police Officer attached to Agbarho Division, injuring others during a rescue operation at Agbarho, in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State.

The slain Officer, CSP Hassan Jega, Vanguard gathered just resumed work barely two days before leading the ill-fated operation.

Vanguard source said that Jega died on the spot after he was shot on

the stomach alongside with the Divisional Police Officer of Orerokpe Division, Paul Oboware and other officers currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

According to our source, "The DPO, CSP Jega got a distress call about 10:40p.m., on Sunday, that a Hilux snatched in Sapele was tracked to Agbarho and he was called by his

colleague from Orerokpe division for back up.

"The DPO Agbarho volunteered to accompanied his team and colleague in chasing the hoodlums when the unfortunate incident occurred.

"They ran into the hoodlums at Unity School junction Agbarho where they encounter them and the

Agbarho DPO was shot on his stomach and he died in the spot while his colleague DPO from Orerokpe, Oboware was shot on the neck and was rushed to unknown hospital for treatment.

"The remains of the deceased DPO have been deposited in the morgue while tactical teams, including soldiers have been deployed to tack

the suspected hoodlums," the source added.

When contacted, the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Edefe Bright, who confirmed the incident said: "They ran into an ambushed during an operation, though no arrest has been made but police are on the trail of the suspects."