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Police inspector dies in blast

Posted To The Web: Friday, January 18, 2008 - From HENRY CHUKWURAH, Port Harcourt



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The police community in Rivers State was once again thrown into grief as an Inspector was killed in a blast on Monday night in Port Harcourt.

Also, about three mobile policemen, who were with the deceased, sustained various degrees of injuries from the blast.

Checks by Daily Sun revealed that both the dead and the wounded policemen were on the escort of the General Manager, Eastern Zone of the Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA). They were said to have escorted the NPA zonal boss to his residence somewhere at the Sandfill area of Borokiri in Port Harcourt .

On their way back, the policemen, who rode in a Hilux van, were said to have driven into a dynamite that exploded, killing the Inspector who led the team, and wounding others.

It was not clear whether the blast was targeted at the NPA boss or the police.

Efforts to get the NPA zonal general manager for his reaction drew blank. However, the ports authority's public relations officer, told Daily Sun to call him later.

Some policemen in the command, including an Inspector, were felled in the wee hours of New Year's day by militants, during an attack on some police stations in Port Harcourt.

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