

Dorothy, Mother Of 6 Strangled To Death

On Thursday, November 19, 2006, at about 2.00am, at Omoku town Located in the Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local government Area of Rivers State, Mrs. Dorathy Wenibewei was strangled to death by persons believed to be hired assassins.

The suspected hired killers gained entrance into Mrs. Dorothy's house by shattering her door with bullets which also hit the chest of the deceased. They later forced themselves into her house and forced the victim's two children around to close their eyes before strangling the poor woman to death amidst her whimpering cries.

CEHRD's monitor gathered that one of the children of the victim during the assassin's strike quietly opened his eyes and recognized one of them and had disclosed the identity of one of the killers of his mother to the divisional police officer (DPO) at Omoku. Further investigations revealed that prior to Dorothy's murder; there was a sharp disagreement between her and her husband Mr. Sunny Enyadike whom we gathered has a second wife. Mr. Sunday Enyadike has been on the run since the woman was killed.

Soldiers Kill One Over Berret Cap

...Corpse Dumped In Gas Plant's Dinning Hall

A trigger-happy soldier has thrown Otughievwen community in the Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State into an endless agony following the killing of a youth, Andrew Ighodayen over a beret cap belonging to the deceased youth.

Another member of the community, Mr Bright Bogare also received a gunshot wound on the leg when soldiers opened fire at the people who were peacefully protesting the killing of their brother, Andrew.

According to findings by CEHRD monitor, the trigger-happy soldier was among the members of the Nigerian soldiers guarding the gas plant, the Utorogu gas plant, belonging to Shell within the Otughievwen community.

The problem started when, on Sunday, November 19, 2006 at about 10am, the soldier, who, according to community members, was fond of harassing and terrorizing people in the community at gunpoint, left his duty post and went into the community in the company of some other members of the Shell security soldiers. When the soldiers saw the youth with the beret cap on his head, they captured him, and accused him of wearing a military cap.

The soldiers, after seizing the cap, started manhandling the youth and were dragging him to their location, the gas plant, when one of them cocked his gun and shot him on the head, blowing away his life instantly.

The cap, according to the President General of the community, Chief Eric Sajini, was not a military cap as its colour was ash and had no green spot or mix on it.

Angered by the killing of Andrew, youths of the community quickly mobilized and embarked on a peaceful demonstration carrying the remains of their late brother, Andrew, along with them. When the soldiers at the gas plant saw the protesting youths coming towards the company, they opened fire, and in the process, one of the youths, Mr Bright Bugare was hit on the leg by a bullet. Several others were also said to have sustained some injuries as they scampered for safety following the sporadic shootings by the soldiers during the peaceful protest.

The youths managed to gain entrance into the gas plant yard where they deposited the corpse of Andrew in the dinning hall of the gas plant.

The gas plant was shut down as a result of the ugly incident, and has remained shut as at the time of this report.

Community sources have alleged that the soldiers guarding the gas plant have become terror to the community, saying that they have been using their military might to harass poor residents with impunity. A woman was said to have been raped by the soldiers few months ago when she went to farm, while a police officer attached to the Otughievwen Divisional Police Headquarters was stabbed by one of the soldiers sometime last month.

The peace-loving community has urged the Nigerian government to withdraw the soldiers from their community to avoid total breakdown of law and order.

As at the time of this report, the soldiers were yet to be withdrawn from the community while Shell was making frantic moves to re-open the gas plant.