

Gunmen Kill 4, Destroy Houses At Oloibiri

Four persons were killed on October 31, 2006 when gunmen armed with sophisticated weapons, including explosives, stormed Oloibiri in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The gunmen invaded Iregite's compound at about 2.00am and as soon as they gained entrance into the compound, they started shooting sporadically. Dynamites were also said to have been detonated.

Mr and Mrs Sunday Amachree lost three children during the mayhem. They include: Otonboja Amachree, 22, Master Stephen Nyingifa, 16 and Miss Rose Jonny, 15.

Two suspects, Michael Victor and James Moneygo have been arrested in connection with the mayhem and were held at the state's Criminal Investigation Dept. (CID) of the Bayelsa State Police Command, Yenagoa.

Although initial reports indicate that the attack was a clash between two rival cult groups notably Dee-well and Dee-bam, or Chelsea and Squadron groups, the bereaved family members have dismissed the cultism theory, saying that it was an assassination plot. In a petition to the Inspector General of Police, the family expressed the fear that the arrested suspects may be let off the hook, saying that higher authorities in the state have been making clandestine moves to free the suspects.

They pleaded for justice to be meted out to those involved in the mayhem. In addition to the people killed, six houses were also reportedly set ablaze by the assailants.

Human Parts Market Discovered In Warri

A human parts sales outlet under a bridge along the Edjebe Expressway near the Delta State Broadcasting Station, Warri Delta State, was discovered on Wednesday, November 22, 2006. The discovery was made by some commercial motorcyclists, popularly known as okada riders, who were responding to a distress cry from a captive, a female, of the human parts merchants.

According to information available to CEHRD, an Okada rider heard the distress cry and alerted some of his colleagues. They also drew the attention of soldiers guarding the Television station, and quickly, they headed towards the direction of the distress cry, which turned out to be under a bridge (flyover) along the Edjebe Expressway. When the rescue team stormed the under bridge, they saw the woman tied with ropes and three other men suspected to be her captors. They were arrested by the rescue team.

The place was littered with ladies wigs, pictures, ladies wears, uniforms of school children, human parts, and other items. In a frantic search around the area, two men were caught with substances believed to be human parts. Two of the 5 persons suspected to be human parts merchants were set ablaze immediately by the angry okada people, while policemen attracted to the scene by the commotion following the discovery, succeeded in rescuing the other 3 from being lynched. The police took them away.

Political Thugs Kill Policeman

On Saturday, November 4, 2006 a mobile police sergeant was shot dead at Opokuma in Kolokuma-Opokuma Local Government Area of Bayelsa State during the PDP ward congress which was marred by violence in many parts of the country. The police sergeant, Mr Bamugha Ashidi was said to have been killed by a gunshot on his thigh fired by a political thug working for one of the politicians contesting for an elective office in the state.

The mobile policeman with force number, 163878, who died at about 12.45pm was attached to a member of the State House of Assembly representing Constituency II, Mr

Waripamowei Dudafa. The shooting took place at Ward 8 at Tamuabuwari, near the Nun Rivers, venue of the PDP Ward congress. When he slumped down, his colleagues who were also escorting the lawmaker, reportedly abandoned him in a Toyota Hiace bus with Reg. No. XB 202 SPR and disappeared with his riffle. The policemen were said to have been involved in a gunbattle with the thugs when the thugs wanted to stop them from going away with the materials meant for the congress.