

Madman slays policeman in Delta

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CONFUSION engulfed Cat Ogwashi-Uku in Aniocha South Local Government of Delta State when a rampaging lunatic stabbed a police sergeant to death.

The lunatic attempted to flee but was however overpowered by some passers-by and police officers from the division as he was promptly apprehended.

Police sources confirmed that he was set free two hours after his arrest when it was clear to the police that the suspect had a chronic mental disorder.

Trouble was said to have begun for the police identified as Mr. Chuks Okorie, according to *Daily Champion* sources, when he reportedly chased the lunatic after snatching smoked fish from a female vendor.

The lunatic, who feared that nemesis may catch up with him, was said to have brought out a sharp knife which he hid in his trouser and stabbed the police in the chest.

The police, who bled profusely, reportedly collapsed and died before any medical attention could reach him.

The police sergeant, who hailed from Akuku-Igbo in Oshimili North Local Government of Delta State was 51 years old.

Sagay, others, commend Supreme Court for reinstating 'Unilorin 5'

EMINENT lawyer, Prof. Itse Sagay (SAN), has said the judgment re-instating the five sacked lecturers at the University of Ilorin was evident that the Supreme Court is truly committed to upholding truth and justice.

"The Supreme Court's judgment on the issue and several others has shown that it could be relied upon," he told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* on Monday in Lagos.

He described the pronouncement as a victory for the rule of law and likened the scenario to what happened to him some years ago, at the University of Benin, in Edo.

"I was removed as a lecturer from Benin the same way, by the then Vice Chancellor, Prof. Grace Alele Williams'-led administration.

"Along the line, my

While confirming the incident to the *Daily Champion*, the Delta State Police Public Relations Officers, ASP Charles Muka said: "This is most unfortunate, this is strange in the history of Nigerian Police Force. There is not much to investigate about the

colleagues and I went to court and we got our victory," he said.

Also speaking, a former Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Lagos, Prof. Duro Ajeyalemi, said that the Supreme Court's ruling could not be questioned.

Ajeyalemi said that the judgment was a welcome development, adding it was a right step in the right direction.

"I am happy that the lecturers were able to overcome their ordeal at the end.

"Getting them re-instated is quite a great feat, which goes to show that no matter how long it takes, justice will always take its course," he said.

The Head, Department of Mass Communication, University of Lagos, Prof. Ralph Akinfeleye, said that the action

incident. It has been confirmed that the man who reportedly stabbed our officer had history of mental disorders."

Already, the body of the victim has been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba.

of the University of Ilorin Council which masterminded the sack was shameful.

Akinfeleye believed that the lecturers were sacked illegally because some people felt threatened by the activities of the union.

"The re-instatement of these lecturers has shown that due process is still on course in the country," he said.

The professor said that it was commendable that the court had the recall of the lecturers whose services were still relevant to the development of the sector.

"We all know that it is not an easy task to produce professors and if after all this while, the court deemed it fit to recall these lecturers, then it calls for celebration and we are all happy that at last, victory has been achieved," Akinfeleye added.