

VISIT... Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babatunde Fashola SAN (right) with the first Vice-President of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Barry Palmer, during his courtesy call on the Governor in Lagos, yesterday.

4 killed in renewed Ebonyi cult clashes

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Abakaliki

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•Ex Ebonyi Perm Sec's wife kidnapped

At least three persons have been killed so far in renewed hostilities between rival cult groups in Ebonyi State University, EBSU, between Tuesday and yesterday.

This follows the killing of an apprentice in a chemist shop in Abakaliki who was shot dead by armed robbers who went to rob the shop and also

the kidnap of Mrs Bridget Nnenaya Obasi, wife of a retired Permanent Secretary in the Ebonyi State Civil, Sam Obasi by unknown gunmen.

Daily Champion reliably gathered that the 40 year-old Mrs Obasi was kidnapped at Mile 50 area of Abakaliki, metropolis on Tuesday night when she was on her way to

buy drugs for one of her children by three armed men who equally made away with her Toyota Corolla car with Ebonyi State government plate number.

It was not immediately ascertained if the family has made contact with the family or if a ransom demand has been made, but sources close to the family told our

correspondent that the husband was with the wife when the incident happened adding that the kidnappers later dumped the car somewhere else.

Same Tuesday evening, an apprentice in a chemist shop was shot dead by armed robbers who went to rob the shop. When Daily champion got to the scene of the event yesterday, Police men had cordoned off the area and refused our correspondent access to the owner of the shop.

In a related development, one Ogala Angel Kenekchukwu, a final year student of biotechnology department, faculty of law, Ebonyi State University, EBSU and one James of the Marketing department of the same institution have been killed in renewed hostilities between rival cult groups.

While, Ogala Angel Kenekchukwu was killed on Tuesday evening, the death of James and one other student whose name could not be ascertained as at press time occurred yesterday morning.

Valentine: Orji preaches chastity among youths

STEVE OKO, Umuahia

As the world goes agog for Valentine, Gov. Theodore Orji of Abia State, has challenged youths to jealously preserve their virginity until they get married, saying that the benefits of chastity are far reaching.

The Governor who made the call yesterday in Umuahia when he received in audience the World Purity Queen, Mrs. Nwanyieze Prosper who won a brand new car by Purity Organisation as a reward for keeping her virginity till marriage.

Orji who spoke through

the Permanent Secretary, Government House, Mr. Nkwachukwu Agomuo, lamented the rate at which youths lose their virginity, warning that the consequences of premarital sex are enormous.

He called on singles to strive to keep their virginity as an enduring priceless legacy.

The Governor also commended the Purity Organisation for its efforts in promoting purity among youths, and assured the organisation of the continued support of government in its activities.

Orji further explained that

the ideals of the organisation are in tandem with the goals of his administration which are committed in bequeathing legacies to the state, "just as virginity remains the highest gift a woman can give to the husband."

Earlier in his remarks, President of Purity Organisation, Mr. Prosper Tochukwu Purity said the car was in fulfillment of an earlier pledge by the Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) that any girl that was proved to be a virgin before her marriage would be rewarded with "enviable gift".

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