

# 12 year old found dead in Makurdi

**A** 12 year old girl was found dead a few meters from her home in the Logo One suburb of Makurdi, the Benue state capital.

State police authorities said it was too early to speak on the incident as investigations have just started.

**From Hir Joseph, Makurdi**

Members of the local vigilante group said they suspect the victim had been raped.

Miss Aondokwagh Agbani was found in a drainage system near her home. Her body was dumped with her legs wide apart,

members of the vigilante group said.

But police spokesperson, Samuel Jinadu (ASP), declined comments beyond confirming the incident. According to him, "it is too early to comment. We are still investigating the cause of the death and those behind it".

The deceased's parents

were too grief stricken to talk to the press, but neighbours said Aondokwagh Agbani attended a traditional marriage with her mother around the neighbourhood the previous night.

At a point, the mother asked the deceased to take her younger sister home because she was tired.

Neighbours said the mother waited for her return to the occasion in vain as she could not be found even after a thorough search by accompanying neighbours.

"She was found only a few meters away from the house only this morning", said a concerned neighbour who however refused to disclose his identity.

He said the deceased was found lying in the drainage system.

Armed policemen who arrived the scene after the report was lodged at the nearby police station, removed the corpse to the Federal Medical Centre where it was deposited in the mortuary.

Logo one, an undeveloped section of Makurdi, is one of the areas notorious for violent crimes including armed robbery, rape, petty theft and gambling.

## Emir intervenes in Doma/Ewuga fracas

**T**he Emir of Keffi, Alhaji Muhammad Yamusa, has intervened in a fracas between the Nasarawa state governor, Alhaji Aliyu Akwe Doma and the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) governorship candidate in the April elections, Mr Solomon Ewuga.

The emir used the opportunity of the visit of Ewuga to the country home of the state governor for the condolence visit to broker truce between the two personalities.

The emir who was also at the country home of the state governor at the time of the visit of the ANPP gubernatorial candidate to condole the governor over the death of his brother, used

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the opportunity provided by holding the hands of both the governor and his rival, Mr. Solomon Ewuga and urged them to "bury the hatchet."

He said "the two of you are the powerful politicians we now have in the state and if there is a problem between you, we will all be in it," and so sued for an amicable resolution of the on-going legal battle between them at the election petition tribunal.

While commending the ANPP leadership for paying him a condolence visit, governor Doma assured that the verdict of the on-going election tribunal in the state would be accepted by all, adding that what matters

most was the overall peace and development of the state.

He said the visit demonstrated that "brotherly love transcends any primordial or political differences and it is something I will always cherish."

The ANPP governorship candidate led the party's leadership in the state to the condolence and enjoined the Governor to regard the death of his brother as "ordained by Allah," noting that the death was a loss to the entire people of the state.

The crisis between the duo started right from the PDP governorship primaries in November 2006 and has continued up to the election petition tribunals.