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prize winner of 2006 Nigerian Breweries (NB) National Reading Competition, Master Temidayo (left). Minister for Education, Mrs. Chinwe Obaji, Corporate Communications Adviser, NB Plc., Chuma Igwe and the President, Association of Nigerian Authors (ANA), Bedirhan at the award presentation of the National Reading Competition in Abuja...

Lagos non-indigenes group affirms Osakwe as president

By Joseph Eshanolope

MEMBERS of the Non-indigenes Union, State has passed a vote of confidence on the President, Mr. Ifeanyi. K. Osakwe executive. There had been complaints by a faction led to putting Osakwe

over, a report submitted by the Secretary General of the Union, Mr. Amande Orbo, noted all the allegations against him, but said at no time did it call for their removal.

In his response, Osakwe, a medical doctor, who refused claims of misappropriation of funds, said he is "contented and comfortable. I never embezzled anybody's money."

Osakwe also urged the Lagos State government to look into the plight of non-indigenes in the state, saying they form the bulk of the population.

Mentally deranged man kills three in Ebonyi

From Leo Sobechi, Abakaliki

Confirming the incident, the Divisional Police Officer for the area, Godwin Wekwa (ASP), said it was while the complainant, Chief Okerke

PANDEMONIUM struck at Igboeze community, Onicha Local Council of Ebonyi State recently when an alleged mentally deranged man went berserk, killing three persons with a machete.

According to a witness, the man, named Emmanuel Okafor had earlier overpowered one Mr. Ogbornia Okorie who was on his way to the farm and collected his machete with which he inflicted several cuts on him, killing him instantly.

After he succeeded in killing Okorie, he went for his second victim, a six-year-old primary school girl, Nworie Ikeke, whom he beheaded instantly.

As if that was not enough, the man, who sources say was once a successful businessman, with the same machete killed another man before youths overpowered him and dealt him killer cuts as well.

However, before the man was hacked to death, the Onicha community deserted following the news of the earlier killings as women took their children and went into hiding for fear of being attacked.

To compound the charged

Ogbornia, was returning with policemen that they discovered the dead bodies. Wekwa disclosed that the police command was intensifying investigations into the matter, adding that adequate security measures have been taken to contain any further development.

Group accuses Enugu govt of imposing traditional rulers

By Odita Sunday

at a press conference, "Umuida, one of the largest single villages in Enugu State, has for the past six years, been run by a dangerous clique of political sadists

The group said it had sacrificed its time and resources to bring situations in their village to normalcy, only to receive a shocker from the state government who allegedly confer on two figures, often used to perpetrate trouble in the communities, the Igwe.

Idoko said: "We acknowledge and welcome the creation of two autonomous communities from Umuida village despite the inherent contradiction. However, we also acknowledge the controversy and bad blood that this process has generated. We further note that, as a result of the above, Umuida has been taken through a dark era of deep conflict and we do not want a resort to the past after the restoration of peace by Umuida group. We, therefore, reject in its entirety the recognition of the two as Igwe for the two autonomous communities."

Idoko added: "We state that



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UN agencies and other partners participates in the development and design of goals, strategies and approaches for the water supply component of the annual project plans of action for the WASH project.