

# Two Kids Found Dead As Mother Vanishes With Third Child

From Leo Sobechi, Abakaliki

**N**OBODY who visited No. 1 Elias Odili Street, Abakaliki, would believe, as being claimed, that the two children who lay lifeless on the bed were matcheted to death by their own mother in the early hours of Wednesday February 20, 2013. Did she really do it?

At the time of filing this

report, the whereabouts of the woman and her third child were unknown. Did she flee to escape the fate that befell her two children? Mrs. Joy Uchaji, a middle-aged school teacher, married to a former leader of Ebonyi Legislative Council was alleged to have butchered her two children, Nneoma and Godwin Uchaji aged four and two years

respectively at the home with a machete after which she packed her bags and fled.

When *The Guardian* visited the scene, the machete with which Mrs. Joy allegedly committed the act, lay innocently on top of the slain daughter.

Family members disclosed that the body of the boy was found on top of the bed with his neck almost severed from the body while the girl was

found in the kitchen with machete cuts on her back.

Her husband, Mr. Chamberlain Uchaji, was not around as he was said to have travelled to Abuja where he secured an employment recently.

However, elder brother to Mr. Uchaji, Elias, told reporters that the incident was an ugly development in the family, stressing that

until the husband and other members living outside Ebonyi returned, the family could not take any decision on next line of action.

Commenting on the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ebonyi State Command, Mr. Sylvester Igbo, a Deputy Superintendent of Police said the command received a report of the incident and

had begun a search for the woman, adding that preliminary investigations by the Police indicated that the woman must have run to Lagos.

He said bodies of the slain children had been cleared to be deposited at the Federal Teaching Hospital Abakaliki, (FETHA) mortuary.

## Lack Of Institutions Fueling Corruption, Says Amaechi

From Kelvin Ebiri, Port Harcourt

**R**IVERS State Governor Chibuike Amaechi has blamed weak institutions

### Explains Why NIOOB Bond Was Converted To Loan

Independent Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) said the Police have remained

a natural resource rich economy,' organized by the state government in Port Harcourt yesterday.

House yesterday. Amaechi explained that the availability of natural resources in any given socie-

cies like the EFCC, ICPC and the Police. This sort of harassment, the governor added, will intensify ahead of the 2015 general elections.

The former President of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

fundamentals of the Nigerian economy. He also stressed the need for strong institutions and good governance in combating corruption, which has been the bane of the country's underdevelopment.

On his part, chairman of the