

Victim tells Bayelsa panel how police killed her son

From Julius Osahon, Yenagoa

A FORMER employee of the Niger Delta University (NDU), Amassoma, Mrs. Felagha Ayibakuro, yesterday, told the Bayelsa State Judicial Panel on Police Brutality how policemen killed his son during a protest.

She said her son, Eze Amadi, was shot dead at the university gate when non-academic staff members of the institution were protesting against alleged unlawful sack in May 2018.

Ayibakuro, alleged that a team of policemen deployed from Yenagoa on arriving the venue of the protest, opened fire on the protesters, killing her son and one Jacob.

Under cross-examination, she recounted that her son who was a final year student of Fine and Applied Arts, NDU, was trying to help Jacob who had been shot before he was also shot and killed.

Her words: "I am a farmer and former head of cleaners in the Post-Graduate Diploma Office of NDU. On May 22, 2018, I led my colleagues, mostly women to protest against our unlawful sack. I ensured all the women were in front and the men at the back, while we embarked on the peaceful demonstration.

"We marched from the NDU old campus to the lecturers lodge and on our way back to gate, a team of policemen suspected to be operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) drove past us, turned around and opened fire at us."