

From Obinna Nwaoku,
Port Harcourt

THE prophetess, Edina Loveday-Worleru, who was convicted of manslaughter by a High Court sitting in Port Harcourt and sentenced to life imprisonment, has died in prison two days after resuming her jail term.

Edina, a prophetess with a spiritual Church in Rumuche Community, Emohua Local Government Area of the state was convicted and sentenced last week Thursday by Justice Adolphus Enebeli.

She was said to have prepared a poisonous substance in the name of love potion for one Onyema Bright Worlu, to administer

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on her man friend, Israel Georgewill's food, sometime in 2012.

Georgewill died after consuming the food, leading to the arrest and prosecution of Loveday-Worleru and Onyema.

Justice Enebeli had in his judgment after over nine years of legal battle, found the two guilty of the offence and convicted them for manslaughter, instead of the murder.

However, Loveday-Worleru, was said to have fallen ill on Friday after the commencement of her jail term and was rushed to the hospital for immediate attention.

The prosecuting counsel, Chidi Ekeh, who confirmed the death of the prophetess, yesterday, said she died last week Saturday following an illness.

Ekeh said her remains would not be released to the family for burial, noting that the body was the property of the Federal Government, even in death.

He said: "She was convicted on Thursday and taken to the prison that same Thursday.

By Friday she fell ill and they took her to the hospital and she did not return from the hospital.

Plateau flays killing of protesting student, orders probe

From Isa Abdulsalami Ahovi, Jos

NAPS demand sanction on reckless soldiers as OPSH denies shooting

Plateau State Commissioner for Information and Communication, Dan Manjang, has affirmed the death of Plateau State Polytechnic student.

He stated yesterday: "Recall that the Plateau State Government issued a statement on Monday, September 20, 2021, on the protests by students of Plateau State Polytechnic, Barkin Ladi, who blocked the main highway into the state from both the main campus and the Jos campus.

"When the last statement was issued, which was shortly after the deputy

governor, Prof. Sonni Tyoden, had met with the school management and students union representatives to resolve the matter, there was no reported death as a result of the protests, apart from some students that were injured and taken to hospital for treatment."

He added that government received the sad news from the police, yesterday, of the death of a student, who was reportedly hit by a stray bullet and taken to hospital for treatment but could not survive.

"This is a very sad development, which the government totally condemns

and has therefore directed an immediate and thorough investigation to be conducted into the circumstances leading to the death of the student," he added.

ALSO, the National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS), Plateau State chapter, has condemned the shooting of the student and demanded probe into the circumstances surrounding his death.

The National President of NAPS, Sunday Asuku, alleged that trigger-happy personnel of the Nigerian Army under Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) invaded their campus and unleashed ter-

ror on peaceful protesters, leaving one dead and so many hospitalised.

But OPSH Military Information Officer (MIO), Major Ishaku Takwa, responded saying: "The allegation against troops of OPSH is baseless and false. No personnel serving in OPSH fired at any protesting student. Security agencies professionally dispersed the protesting students, who barricaded the major road linking Jos Metropolis with other states causing traffic jam to commuters. Therefore, citizens are enjoined to disregard the statement issued by the student leader in its entirety."

One dies, seven rescued in Ondo building collapse

From **Oluwaseun Akingboye, Akure**

A GRANDMOTHER, identified as Grace Olom, has died in a building collapse that occurred in Akure, the capital city of Ondo State.

The deceased was unlucky, but her son, Mr. Benson Olom, daughter-in-law and five grandchildren, who were trapped in the debris were rescued by sympathisers.

The tragic incident happened around 3:00a.m. yesterday, along Fanibi Junction in Akure, when the storey building caved in while the occupants were sleeping.

Reliable sources in the environment attributed the collapse to the partitioning and unprofessional restructuring effected on the building by the landlord, whose name was not known at press time.

Recounting his experience, one of the survivors, Olom, who lost his mother and pleaded

for support from government and philanthropists, said: "The building collapsed and my mother died instantly, and her remains had been taken out.

"One of my children, who sustained a head injury, has been taken to the hospital and I was told she's going to undergo a surgery. I want the state government and well meaning Nigerians to come to my rescue."



The collapsed building

ICPC arraigns ex-NIS officer for alleged certificate fraud

Mob lynch man in Imo for enforcing IPOB sit-at-home order

From **Charles Ogugbua** and
Collins Osuji, Owerri

ENRAGED youths have lynched a 34-year old, Obinwanne Iwu, in Imo, for coercing people to obey the sit-at-home order purportedly issued by Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). Imo state Police Command spokesperson, CSP Micheal Abattam, in a statement yesterday, said the victim, who hailed from Ahiara in Ahiazu Mbaise Council Area of the state, allegedly arrived Ahiara Market with his gang on Monday morning and started attacking the traders and looting their goods. According to the police, the victim was an alleged member of IPOB/ESN group, and one of the inmates that escaped from the Owerri Correctional Center during an attack on the facility early this year.

Abattam also disclosed that the state Commissioner of Police, Rabiul Hussaini, has

condemned the act and set up a team to commence investigation into the incident.

The statement reads, "On 20/09/2021 about 0745hrs, while residents of Oru Ahiara in Ahiazu Mbaise LGA of Imo State, came out of their houses for their daily business. Shops were opened and people were going about their lawful businesses.

"One Obinwanne Iwu 'm' aged 34 years, a native Ahiara in Ahiazu Mbaise LGA of Imo State, an escapee of Imo Correctional Centre Owerri, and a member of the proscribed IPOB/ESN came to the market with members of his gang attacking, looting opened shops and forcing people to lock up their shops, and preventing them from their legitimate businesses.

"Shouting at the top of their voices, 'Today is Monday and everybody must obey the sit

at home order'. This did not go down well with the people who resisted it in its entirety.

"In the pandemonium that ensued, an angry mob in their numbers held the leader of the gang, one Obinwanne Iwu, tied his hands behind, while members of gang fled the scene into hiding. In the process, he was mercilessly beaten to death, before a police patrol team arrived at the scene. "Efforts made by the police patrol team to arrest the perpetrators proved abortive as they all fled the scene on sighting the patrol team. "The Commissioner of Police, Imo State Command, Rabiul Hussaini while condemning the barbaric act, advised members of the public to always hand over suspects to the Police for proper investigation and prosecution. Instead of taking the laws into their hands."