

20-year-old Boy Killed At Funeral

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A 20-year-old boy identified as Cyril Nzete was at the weekend killed by a cannon fired at a funeral ceremony at Kwale in Ndokwa West Local Government Area of Delta State.

It was learnt that the victim was hit where he was standing by the exploded cannon shot.

According to the report, the professional cannon gun shooter, whose name was not

immediately known, has earlier competed his main business on Saturday at the funeral ceremony of the late Mr. Okpor Ogwu but went back on Sunday morning to collect his assignment fee when the incident occurred.

On arrival at the bereaved family compound the next morning to collect his money, the report added, some friends of the late Ogwu ordered for two additional cannon shots which the man obliged.

One of the cannons failed to explode soon after it was lighted up, it was also alleged.

The tragedy was said to have struck when the gunman went to reposition it to be re-fired and on exhuming it, the cannon exploded and flew out of his hand and hit the boy. He was shattered beyond recognition.

Meanwhile, the police in Kwale have arrested the cannon shooter, while the corpse has been deposited at a private mortuary in the area.

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