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Manhunt For Militants Over Death Of Female Undergraduate

By Emma Gbemudu Snr Correspondent, Yenagosa

Security operatives in Bayelsa State have embarked on a manhunt for suspected militants who allegedly stabbed a female undergraduate from Ondewari community in the state to death.

The death of the student is generating tension in the community as no fewer than four persons have been rounded up by the police at Oporoma in Southern Ijaw Local Government.

The deceased, identified as Patience, until her demise was a final year student of Political Science at the Rivers State College of Education.

She was ambushed by some suspected militants while worshipping at a church in Ondewari.

Eye witness account told *Daily Independent* that the victim and her father had had a quarrel with a militant leader during which Patience threatened to destroy his blocks.

The deceased never destroyed the blocks as threatened but the militant leader believed his crushed blocks were the handiwork of Patience.

It was gathered she had attended a Sunday church service a day after the quarrel, and there she was cornered by some violent youths armed with sharp objects and sticks.

Reports revealed that the youths headed straight to the church, demanding for the release of their prey, but the church officials bluntly refused, sensing danger.

The lady reportedly jumped out through one of the windows but was apprehended by the desperate gang.

Immediately she was stabbed on her upper arm and left in the pool of her blood before sympathisers rushed her to the Korokorosei Health Centre for medical attention.

Patience was said to have lost much blood as one of her relations was requested to donate blood to resuscitate her. But before that could be done, the lady passed on.

When contacted, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ibokette Iniobong, could not confirm the incident, saying he was in Abuja on an official assignment.

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As Drug Cartels Invade West Africa

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) should be very perturbed about recent reports in the international media about the incursion of international drug cartels into West Africa.

Op-Ed/ Comments

Who Will Help The Nigerian Police?

I have written extensively about the Nigerian Police, especially how they harass innocent citizens. I have written on how they flee from the scene of robbery because they don't have ammunitions that could match those of armed robbers.

Horror At Lasuth: A Writer's Personal Experience (1)

The current rebranding drive by the Lagos State governor, Babtunde Fashola, is unarguably a laudable one given the need to repackage and present Lagos as a mega city comparable with the likes of New York and Paris.

"Marking" Soyinka On Constitution Review

Two things, well considered, would prevent many quarrels: first, to have it well ascertained whether we are not disputing about terms rather than things and, second, to examine whether that on which we differ is worth contending about.

Columnist

Conversation of an Angry man The Sentencing Of Jane Bond

For sometime now, I have had this feeling that this manslaughter case involving the actress and beauty queen, Ms Ibinabo Fijere, sounds and smells familiar. The pretty woman was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years imprisonment by a

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Scruples Celebrating I.N.C. Aniebo At 70

No doubt, I.N.C. Aniebo (Ifeanyichukwu Ndubuisi Chikezie Aniebo), the writer of immense endowments, brilliant scholar, fine teacher and literary critic, is most deserving of the profuse attention that has been lavished on him by the mainstream, national media since March 31, 2009, when he turned 70.

The Roundtable Banking Regulation: Commonsense And Nonsense (1)

The hue and cry being raised over the imperative for a tougher bank supervisory and regulatory framework is not limited to Nigeria alone.

Speaking Out How Far Can We Trust This Yar'Adua?

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