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UNILAG'S best graduate bests 3,223 others with 4.98 GPA

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THE 2011 convocation ceremony of the University of Lagos (UNILAG) will go down in history as a male graduate of mechanical engineering scored an all time high Commutative Gross Point Average (CGPA) of 4.98 to beat 3,223 other graduates that were awarded certificates, diplomas and degrees.

The student, Akhigbe Iziren Josiah of the Department of Mechanical Engineering thus became the first student with the highest CGPA in the history of graduates at the 50 years old institution.

Vice Chancellor Babatunde Sofoluwe disclosed this while delivering his convocation address tagged "Sustaining UNILAG as a

Six policemen arrested for murder in Enugu

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SIX policemen from the Enugu State Police Command are now in detention over allegations of participating in the murder of a teenage girl.

The lifeless body of the girl, suspected to be a commercial sex worker, was discovered few days ago in a bush in Enugu metropolis.

Daily Independent reliably gathered on Thursday that the six policemen were being held at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) in connection with her murder.

A source told Daily Independent on condition of anonymity that the six policemen from Emene Division were detained at the office of the "Fire for Fire" at Abakiliki road, Enugu and later transferred to the SCID in connection with her murder.

Our source could not however disclose the exact number of policemen allegedly involved in the murder and the full identity of the victim.

When contacted on phone, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Enugu State command, DSP Ebere Amaraizu, confirmed that six policemen

were being interrogated at the SCID over the murder of the girl.

"An allegation has been made against them and an investigation has been ordered. So, they need to explain their whereabouts that day and where they took the patrol van to. They (SCID) are on the matter. The police take issues of professional misconduct seriously. Whatever comes out of the investigation, the command is going to act on it," the police spokesman said.

It was alleged that the young lady was beaten to death for refusing to settle the policemen

who usually move around collecting returns from brothels in their area of jurisdiction.

The killers of the young girl reportedly took away the girl's corpse in a police patrol van and dumped her remains in a bush.

Some concerned Nigerians who saw the girl's lifeless body being dropped from the police patrol van, noted the plate number of the vehicle and tipped off the police.

The six officers were immediately rounded up for interrogation at "Fire for Fire", from where they were transferred to SCID.

Dickson appoints Deputy Chief of Staff

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BARELY 24 hours after he sacked the cabinet of former Governor Timipre Sylva, Governor Seriake Dickson of Bayelsa State has approved the appointment of a lawyer, Didi Esther Walsom-Jack as his Deputy Chief of Staff.

Dickson also approved the appointment of Suona-Obiate Offor and Shadrach Oriekio Opuene as Deputy Chief of Staff and Personal Assistant, respectively, to the Deputy Governor, Gboribioha John Jonah while Ebiegbere Kpokiri, would serve as personal physician to the deputy governor.

While Offor is a retired captain of the Nigerian Navy, Walsom-Jack was until her appointment a Deputy Director (Appointment, Promotion and Discipline) at the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, Abuja.

She had earlier served as