

## Police kill oil seller in Delta

**PANDEMONIUM** broke out last week at Oleh, the headquarters of the Isoko South Local Government area of Delta State, following the murder of an engine oil seller by men attached to the Oleh Police Station for allegedly resisting arrest.

Our correspondent gathered that on the fateful day, the policemen confronted the victim, Ogaga Obiebi, at his business premises along Emore road, in Oleh and asked him to go with them to the police station for an undisclosed offence.

An eye-witness said after futile attempts to force Ogaga Obiebi into the waiting Hilux police van, he ran into the house, brought out a machete and started chasing the policemen, and in the process, he was allegedly shot in the head by one of the policemen whose name was simply given as Azubuike.

It was also gathered that as soon as the victim was shot, the police immediately called in soldiers patrolling the area. This was to avoid any form of reprisal attack on them, and they were soon whisked away by the soldiers to the local station.

A similar incident was averted two weeks ago, when the same killer squad from the police station stormed a nearby Emede community to make an arrest.

The policemen were said to have shot a teenage boy in the chest, but the bullet did not penetrate as result of the charm worn by the boy.

A prominent community leader, who spoke with SaharaReporters but who did not want his name mentioned, described the act as *idastardly*.

He said that has been the practice of the police in the locality, cutting short the lives of innocent young men.

I am using this medium to call on the Inspector General of Police who has always preached against indiscipline, and extra-judicial killings in the force, to as a matter of urgency investigate the matter, the community leader said.

The indigenes vowed that any attempt by the DPO to protect the killer policeman would be resisted, noting that the DPO was always in the habit of *ishading* his men from facing the law in such a situation.