

Two die printing Obasanjo's vests

IF Kingsley Emma had known that death was knocking on his doors, he would have rejected the contract from the Anambra State government for the printing of vests bearing portraits of President Olusegun Obasanjo.

The 29 year-old Emma lost his life together with one of his close friends, whose names were not ascertained Wednesday night, while putting finishing touches on the vests due to be collected yesterday by officials of the state government as part of the preparations for the visit. The President begins his visit today.

The printer, who had concluded arrangements to wed his hearthrab Lovina, soon

• President due in Anambra today

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka and Ben Akpa, Onitsha
from the proceeds of the contract, was choked in a printing house in the commercial city of Onitsha alongside his friend who had come to help him out on the job to meet the production deadline.

When the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Fidelis Agbo, A Deputy Superintendent was called yesterday, he told our reporter that no signal had been received from the Onitsha area command on the incident.

He told *the Nation* that he was going to put a call through for verification, but before this report was filed no call had come from

the PPRO.

But investigations showed that the two lost their lives in the printing shop, probably as a result of thick smoke from generator.

However, the state Commissioner for Information, Stella Chinyere Okunna, who described the incident as unfortunate, blamed the deceased for putting on a generating set inside the shop where they were working.

She suspected that the duo must have slept off when the set was on and were suffocated as a result of the smoke from the machine.