

## Lawyer sues police over alleged killing of student in Awka

**J**USTICE C. O. Nweke of an Awka High Court has granted an ex parte order filed by a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), Mr. Nnamdi Ibegbu against police over the alleged murder of a final year student of Nnamdi Azikiwe University (NAU) Tobechukwu Odiaka.

The matter was adjourned to May 30, by the judge pending his ruling on the issue.

The student's father, Obi Okunwa Odiaka had sued the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, the state police commissioner, Mr. Oliver Osuchukwu and an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Idowu, through his counsel Nnamdi Ibegbu (SAN) over the missing body of the International Relations student about a month ago.

According to Ibegbu, Tobechukwu was alleged

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka

to have been shot and killed by the police on April 14 after he had spoken with the father on phone.

Narrating the story to reporters yesterday at the High Court II in Awka, Ibegbu said that the deceased was said to have a quarrel with one of his friends in school in which a brother to Tochukwu's friends got the police involved in the matter when their friends wanted to settle the issue.

According to him, instead of the police led by ASP Idowu to handle the case in a civilised way, they fired into the crowd that assembled there. He said it is unclear if the boy was killed instantly or taken to the police station, nobody knows as he has not spoken to any member of the family till date.

He alleged that since he



• Ehindero

had not seen or spoken with anybody, Tochukwu may have been killed by the police.

Ibegbu said that the "Habeas Corpus" order was for the police to produce the body in court whether dead or alive on May 30.

According to him, we want the police to explain why the body of the boy whether dead or alive should not be produced. "We are hopeful that the court will order the body to be produced by the police on the date it will deliver its ruling," he said.

## Agagu unfolds his blueprint for kinsmen

**A**MID drumming and dancing, the people of Okitipupa Local Government in the Ondo South Senatorial District, where the state governor, Dr Olusegun Agagu hails from yesterday besieged the Alagbaka Government House to congratulate and rejoice with him on his re-election.

Led by the traditional rulers, party chieftains and leaders of thoughts in the council area, the people, who came in their hundreds, said their identification with his giant strides and development of the area and the state compelled them to vote for him and the ruling Peoples Democratic Party during the last general elections.

Overwhelmed with the show of love and solidarity, Agagu, thanked the people for their concern for the development of the state, which they exhibited with

the ballot. He, however, assured the people of the senatorial district that the projects already being designed for them for the second term would wholly transform the area and accord it its pride of place.

They include the Ondo State University of Science and Technology billed to be sited there, award for the construction of Okitipupa - Irele Bridge in July, a N1 billion poultry project in conjunction with Obasanjo Holdings and a cassava flower producing factory, among others.

Others with Federal Government's input, which he said are targeted at the economic and industrial revolution in the area, are the Olokola Free Trade and OK LNG; and the Omotoso Power Plant which would boost power supply, attract investment and establishment of industries at the Ore Industrial Park.

## Activists protest

A nationwide peaceful mass protest organised by the aggrieved human rights groups will take place on May 24, it was announced yesterday.

Their spokesperson, Dr Joe Okei-Odumakin said the goals is to resist electoral robbery in the country.

Preceding the rally is a "sit-at-home" protest on tomorrow which the activists suggested should take place between 6am and 4 noon

The representatives of the Civil Society Organisations told reporters in Lagos that the cancellation of the flawed April elections is non-negotiable.

## Vehicle owners warned

THE police in Lagos have warned owners of abandoned vehicles parked at Itire, Igando, Isheri and Langbasa Police Stations to claim them or lose them through auction. The vehicles are: Toyota bus, XB595BDG, Toyota Corolla, AE221DFB, Toyota, XB278MUS, Varagon bus, XJ548LND, Volkswagen Bus, AA385URU, Mitsubishi bus XG202AKD, Mazda bus, Lagos 2007 APP, Mercedes 911, AQ696EKY.

Others are Mitsubishi bus XG829 AAA, Mazda 929, BE699LSR, Ford bus, XM 689KJA, Honda Accord, AL336JJJ and Honda Car, DE500EPE

## Man arrested for allegedly stealing girlfriend's four-wheel

### • Three suspected robbers killed

From Suleiman Dangana, Kano

The Police Commissioner Atiku Yusuf Kafur who disclosed this, said the girlfriend passed a night with her boyfriend who allegedly conspired with his younger brother, Dominic Zeheren to drive

the car away without the woman's approval.

He said the incident occurred when the two lovers have slept, but unknown to the woman that the key to the jeep had been thrown down from upstairs to the waiting hands of Dominic

Zeheren, another accused, who drove away the car almost immediately.

The boyfriend of the woman has, however, denied any knowledge of stolen car, but the woman has insisted that her boyfriend was the one who connived with his brother

to steal it.

He, however denied knowledge of the theft. He said the woman only succeeded in implicating him.

The Commissioner said at a recent operation bandits, who robbed along Bebeji Road, engaged policemen in a shoot-out. Three of them were killed.

**T**HE Kano State police command has arrested Khalifa Terhemen from Edo State for allegedly stealing a jeep worth N1.7 million belonging to her girlfriend, Genevi Amadi.

The command has killed three armed robbers in a shoot-out.