

# Gunmen kill seven-month old baby in Rivers

**T**HESE are bad times for kids in Rivers State.

A baby was killed yesterday by unknown gunmen in Ogoloma, Okirika Local Government Area.

The incident soured the joy of the release by kidnappers of the 13 year-old son of Eze Frank Eke, a former Deputy -Governor.

Godsgift Dimma was killed when the gunmen invaded his parent's home

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early yesterday.

Confronting the fear-stricken parents of the baby, the gunmen demanded for some money from Mr Dimma, father of the baby who is also into oil business. The man was said to have told them that he had no money at home adding, that they could search his house if they doubted him.

Piqued that they could not get money from the Dimmas, the gunmen fired at the baby who was sleeping, killing him. Besides, they shot Dimma and his wife before leaving.

Neighbours who heard the sound of gunshots rushed out to find the Dimmas groaning in pains. They rushed them to an undisclosed hospital where doctors are battling to save their lives.

Prince Echemazu Eke, the 13-year old son of the paramount ruler of Ebo kingdom in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of the state who was taken-hostrate last Monday has regained his freedom.

Prince Echemazu, a pupil of Bereton Secondary School, Mgbuesilaru, Port Harcourt was captured last Monday when he went to school. The alarm was raised when a driver

who was sent to pick him from school returned without him. The kidnappers were said to have later contacted the father to demand a ransom of N50 million.

Police Commissioner Felix Ogbaidu could not be reached for comments, but a senior Police officer confirmed the release of Echemazu and the killing of the baby

## Elizade's 15 vehicles for Lagos security

THE Lagos State Government yesterday received 15 Hilux vans, worth N50 million, donated by Elizade Motors Nigeria Limited.

Chief Michael Adejo, the Chairman of Elizade Group, presented the vehicles to Governor Babatunde Fashola, as part of the company's contribution to the Lagos State Security Trust Fund.

Adejo said the donation was a way of giving back to the society part of what it made from it.

Receiving the donation, Fashola expressed satisfaction with the group's gesture, saying it was part of the private sector's contribution to governance.

He pledged that the administration would make good use of all the vehicles donated to the fund.

Thanking the company, he said the gesture represented the true spirit of what entrepreneurs could do.

## AC chief hails Fashola

ACTION Congress (AC) chieftain Hon Bosun Jeje

## Osun AC challenges police on alleged rape of member

From Wale Folarin Osogbo

**T**HE Director of Research and Strategy of the Action Congress (AC) in Osun State, Mr Sunday Akere has called on the Police Commissioner, Mr John Moronike, to ensure that the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) men who allegedly raped a member of the AC in Ilesa are punished.

Akere said that the lady was raped by the PDP hoodlums when she was abducted along with some other AC members.

He alleged that the PDP men raped the lady, stuffed her

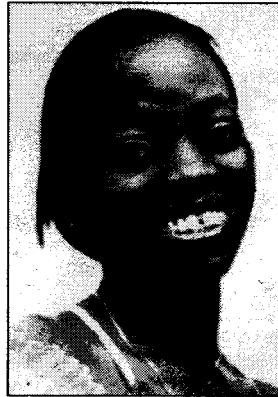
## Suspected killer of Okpomo's children arraigned

**T**HE suspected killer of two of former Nigerian Football Association's Secretary General Patrick Okpomo's children was arraigned in court yesterday.

He was brought to court by Police investigators from Maroko Police Station who arrested him about two weeks ago.

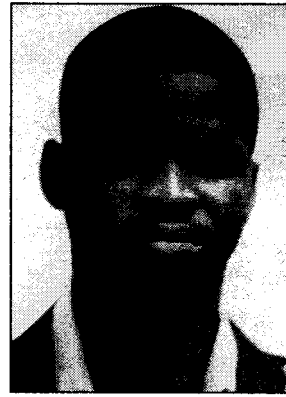
The accused, Godspower Agboifo, was remanded in Ikoyi Prison by the Tapa Magistrate's Court on Lagos Island, pending his next appearance.

Agboifo, who escaped from the scene of the accident around Oniru bus-stop



• The late Ejiroghene  
By Jude Isiguzo

was arrested by the police in a hospital where



• The late Patrick  
he was admitted for treatment after days of frantic search.

The Okpomo's Patrick and Ejiroghene, who were students of the University of Lagos, were crushed by the driver while changing one of the tyres of the car they were travelling in that went flat.

The driver who lost control immediately after the accident rammed into an oncoming vehicle, killing the driver.

The Nation also learnt that two young men who came to assist the Okpomo's change their flat tyre, were also seriously injured and are still in the hospital.

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