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Gunmen kill girl, 29, in Delta

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From Okungbowa Aiwerie, Asaba

Unknown gunmen at the weekend killed a 29-year-old lady in Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The victim, Miss Blessing Ijeh, had gone to a chemist shop adjacent her home to buy drugs.

It was learnt that the deceased had a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Marketing from the Federal Polytechnic, Oko, Anambra State.

She was waiting for her call-up letter for the mandatory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), it was learnt.

A source said the victim was accosted by two young men on a motorcycle at Iregwa Street, Agbor.

The hoodlums ordered her to hand over her mobile telephone. She obeyed but resisted an order to get on the motorcycle, prompting her being shot in the lower abdomen.

The gunshot, it was learnt, caused pandemonium as residents scampered for safety.

The bereaved father, Mr. Smart Ijeh, said the assailants may have monitored his daughter before she was attacked.

He described Blessing as a peace-loving lady.

Ijeh appealed to law enforcement agents to fish his daughter's killers.

Also at the weekend, a commercial motorcyclist was shot and his LIFAN motorcycle stolen.

Police sources said two men hired the motorcyclist at the ever-busy Uromi junction in Agbor.

On getting to Edobor Street, they shot him and made away with the motorcycle.

Police spokesman Charles Muka confirmed the incidents, saying the police were on top of the situation.

On Ijeh's murder, Muka said: "The police are forging ahead with the arrest of a suspect, Morka Madu, who allegedly threatened the young lady after he accused her of preventing him from marrying another lady."

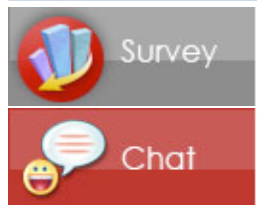
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