

# Gunmen kill girl, 29, in Delta

## •Motorcyclist injured

**From Okungbowa  
Alwerie, Asaba**

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 scamped 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."

**U**NKNOWN 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.



•The wife of former Vice-President Atiku Abubakar and Founder, Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WOTCLEF), Amina, surrounded by students of Louisville Girls Secondary School, Gwagwalada, Abuja during the Children of Colours Celebration...at the weekend.

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## Three shot dead in Port Harcourt

**T**HREE persons were allegedly shot dead at various locations on Sunday night in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital, by unknown gunmen. One of those killed was identified as Sunny Opuabe, the leader of the Bush Boys (a.k.a Peace Makers).

Although the police spokesperson Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abbey, confirmed the incident, she could not give further de-

**From Akanimo Sampson,  
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tails as at press time.

Sources said a five-man gang shot Opuabe on Aboloma Road.

The Bush Boys and Ateke Tom's Niger Delta Vigilance (NDV) group have been locked in a supremacy battle for the control of Okrika, one of the major Ijaw clans in Rivers State.

While the Bush Boys were

accused of working for the All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP), the NDV were said to be working for the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Also yesterday, a civil society group, the Egbema Movement for Justice (EMJ), expressed worry over the return of violence in the Niger Delta.

President of the group, Mr. Robinson Uroupa, said: "Our attention has been drawn to

the unacceptable methods allegedly being employed by the JTF in killing Niger Delta youths under the pretext of fighting militancy and vandals of oil facilities. As an organisation, we are worried because the situation is capable of shattering the relative peace in the oil region."

The group appealed to the Minister of Niger Delta Affairs, Obong Ufot Ekaette, to stop the new wave of violence.