

## NEWS

# Vigilance group kills one in Anambra

**A**VIGILANCE group yesterday shot and killed a 27-year-old man in Onitsha, Anambra State.

The incident occurred at St. Joseph's Catholic Church during the harvest bazaar sales.

The victim was identified as Onyebuchi, alias Magic Fingers.

He was a Disc Jockey (DJ). Sources said the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Dennis Sokei, and the executives of Dum-Omodi Street had invited the

From Adimike George, Onitsha

vigilance group to provide security during the bazaar sales.

They said the late Onyebuchi was on his way out of the parish when men of the vigilance group ordered him to raise his hands up.

Eyewitnesses said an argument ensued and a member of the group, now at large, shot the victim in the waist, killing him on the

spot.

A source said: "When Magic Finger refused to raise his hands as directed by the group, one of them told him that he would shoot him, but Onyebuchi asked the man to try it and the man shot him in the waist."

One of the executives of Dum-Omodi Street, Mr. Emeka Oko, said the vigilance group was contracted from Zion Security Company.

Oko regretted the incident.

## 'Wonder bank' chief remanded in prison

From Nwanosike Onu, Awka

**A**MAGISTRATE'S Court in Awka, Anambra State, has ordered that the Chief Executive Officer of Golden Pack International (GPI), a money doubling outfit, Prince Ella Isaac Alaocha, be remanded in prison custody for allegedly defrauding his customers of millions of naira.

The Magistrate, M.A. Mbakwe, said Alaocha would be in prison custody till Monday when the case would be revisited.

## Library board fetes 'Spelling Bee' winners

From Adimike George, Onitsha

**T**HE Anambra State Library Board yesterday celebrated the winners of the Spelling Bee Competition, organised for primary school pupils in Onitsha.

Miss Kelechi Nwokolo took the first position.

Elochukwu Osuchukwu and Chibueze Alaya were second and third.

Presenting gifts to the winners, Director of Library Services Nkem Osuigwe said information is power and urged the pupils to use the library.

She said: "The library is a place where one learns, studies and interacts with great minds."

"The Library Board embarked on the programme because the young generation is more screen-oriented than book-oriented."

## 25 die in Enugu auto crash

From Chris Oji, Enugu

**T**WENTY five people died on Wednesday night in an accident at Onyema Coal Mine hill, on the Enugu-Onitsha express road.

Several others were injured. The accident occurred at about 7.30 pm.

Sources said a trailer driver lost control while descending the Onyema hill and ran into

eight other vehicles that were ascending the hill from Enugu.

Among the vehicles affected were a 504 Peugeot car, mini-buses, a Toyota Hilux van and some Mercedes cars.

It was learnt that the injured persons were taken to

the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH) in Enugu.

The FRSC Sector Commander Hyginus Fonsuk said his men recovered five bodies at the scene yesterday morning.

Fonsuk said: "We shall get the actual figure of casualties when we visit hospitals today."

## Ex-PDP leader, 2,000 others defect to APGA

Ogbonnaya Obinna, Abakaliki

**A**FORMER majority leader in the Ebonyi State House of Assembly, Hon Sunday Jacob Chukwu and over 2,000 people in the state have left the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and others to join the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA).

Chukwu and the others were received into APGA by former Minister of Culture and

Tourism Frank Ogbuewu, APGA State Chairman Jerry Obasi, APGA National Youth Leader Ferguson Okpara and other chieftains of the party.

At a rally at the government field in Okposi, Ohaozara Local Government Area, Chukwu said the PDP lacked inter-

nal democracy.

He said: "I'm happy and thankful for the multitude I'm seeing here today."

Former chieftain of the Progressives Peoples Alliance (PPA) Chief Raphael Eze and former member of the Better Nigeria Peoples Party Aja Chinasa said they were attracted to APGA because the party is committed to true democracy.

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