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Shell worker kidnapped in Rivers

From Bisi Olaniyi,
Port Harcourt

A NIGERIAN employee of the Anglo/Dutch oil giant, the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), was yesterday kidnapped in Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

The male worker, whose name could not be ascertained, was abducted by unknown gunmen from his home in old Port Harcourt Township.

A security source said the kidnappers shot sporadically into the air for some minutes, before whisking away their target to an unknown destination.

The kidnappers are yet to contact the victim's family.

Police Spokesperson, Mrs. Rita Inoma-Abbey, who confirmed the kidnap, said the detail was sketchy.

Shell's Spokesman, Mr. Precious Okolobo, in a telephone interview from Port Harcourt yesterday evening, said: "No comment please. It is a security issue."

Bayelsa students seek govt help

By Emmanuel Oladesu

BAYELSA State students in Delarussia State Medical University, Minsk, Belarus, near Russia, have appealed to the government to pay their tuition and hostel fees.

The students, under the aegis of Bayelsa State Scholarship Students Union, led

30 persons dead as communities clash in Cross River

THIRTY people died at the weekend in a communal clash

between Nsadob and Boje communities in Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State.

Sources said the two communities were fighting over a piece of land.

According to them, one Boje indigene was killed when some persons from Nsadob attempted to enter Boje.

It was gathered that the Boje people retaliated and invaded Nsabad, killing

From Kunle Johnson,
Calabar

many.

A source said Nsabad had the higher number of casualties.

He said 22 bodies had been at the mortuary.

Police spokesman Etim Dickson, however, said only 13 people died.

Governor Liyel Imoke, Deputy Governor Efiok Cobham, Nigerian

Ambassador to Mali Sunny Abang and some members of the State Executive Council visited the area on Sunday.

The Chairman of Boki Local Government Area, Mrs. Bessie Bankong-Obi, said about 95 per cent of the community was ravaged by youths suspected to be indigenes of Boje.

A member of the House of Assembly, representing Boki I State Constituency,

Chief Jake Otu Enya, urged the state to probe the crisis.

He advised people to live peacefully with one another.

A victim, Sir Michael Pius, said his wife and six children had been missing since the crisis started on Friday.

He called on the state to rebuild Nsadob community.

Security agencies have been drafted to the community.

Family of six dies in Delta

From Okungbowa Alwerle,
Asaba

AN assistant head teacher, Friday Oshiegbu, his wife, three children and their household help have died in a road crash.

The accident occurred between Abah Unor and Isheagu junction on Og-washi-Uku Road in Delta State.

Oshiegbu, a member of staff of Nsukkwa Grammar School, Aniocha South Local Government Area, and his family were returning from the funeral of their former landlord at Ewulu.

Sources said the teacher's Volkswagen Golf car veered to the opposite lane while trying to avoid a pothole and rammed into a bus.

All the occupants in the car died on the spot.

Their remains were later taken to the General Hospital morgue in Og-washi-Uku.

It was gathered that the man and his wife decided to take the children to the funeral because there was no one to take care of them overnight.

A source said: "The driver of the bus saw the car very late; the crash could not be avoided."

