

Delta State Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan (left), receiving a plaque from Chief Amos Oyoroko, the President-General of Ovwor-Olomu community in Ughelli South Local Government, when a delegation from the community visited him in his home in Warri.

A 50-year-old widow found dead

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman, Mrs. Callista Okwe Ihemebiga, has been murdered at Obudi Agwa in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State.

The Nation learnt that the deceased was found naked on New Year's Day behind St. Michael's Anglican Church, with her underwear torn.

She might have been raped, according to residents, who pleaded for anonymity.

Although it was not clear at press time why she might have been defiled, sources alleged that it could be for ritual purposes.

A villager, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "What on earth could have

From Sunny Nwankwo,
Aba

attracted the rapists to the woman? She was not young, considering her age.

"There are many young ladies out there. I am not supporting rape. But tell me, what could make these people rape a woman, who was supposed to be of their mother's age, if not for ritual. This is absurd and should be condemned."

The Nation gathered that the victim, a widow, had left home for the New Year's Eve service with fellow church members, but did not return home the next day.

A family source said it

was a passerby, who saw her body and raised the alarm to alert other villagers.

The source said the family became aware of the incident when news got to the village that the deceased's son identified her before her body was deposited in a mortuary.

Three mobile phones (Tecno, Samsung and Nokia) were picked by the villagers on the scene of the incident.

Photographs inside the late Mrs. Ihemebiga's phones show the rapists could be between 20 and 22 years.

At press time, the victim's relations were yet to report the incident to the police.

25, dies in hotel's swimming pool

Yomi Shittu (25), has died in the

It was learnt that the pool was eventually emptied around