

Stray bullets kill two mothers at funeral in Edo

STRAY bullets from a policeman's gun at the weekend killed two nursing mothers at the funeral of an indigene, Mr Itu Joseph, at Ivhiokhile Quarters of Fugar, headquarters of Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State.

The policeman and his colleagues were said to have accompanied a traditional ruler in Uzaire clan, Imonike Omogbai, to the event.

But one of them, whose identity could not be ascertained, reportedly started "shooting" without reason.

A two-month-old baby strapped to the back of one

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of the victims, Mrs Sandra Imhaku, was almost hit. The bullet that hit its mother on the neck was few inches from the baby.

The late Mrs Imhaku was said to have lost her husband last year when she was expecting the baby.

She was rushed to Irrua Specialist Hospital, where she died on Sunday morning.

The other victim, simply

identified as Mrs. Saliu, an indigene of Fugar, reportedly came from Warri, Delta State, with her husband to attend the funeral of her in-law, Mr. Joseph.

She was said to have collapsed and died instantly, following the gunshot.

It was learnt that the policeman held a rifle with one hand and attempted to open the car door for the monarch with the other hand.

His gun was said to have started firing; the innocent

women were hit, as guests were leaving the venue.

A source said the policemen were almost lynched by the mob.

A cousin of one of the victims, Mike Imhaku, said the incident had been reported at the Auchi Police Division.

Police Commissioner Samuel Adegbuyi, who confirmed the incident, said a case of accidental discharge in which two women were killed, was reported to him on Saturday.

He said the police officer had been arrested, adding that investigation into the incident had begun.

demanded N30,000 for each project, besides the initial N5,000 charged each student for approving their projects.

The student said: "We are five in a group, and each of us has paid N30,000 to the man who owns a business centre where our projects are being typed. This is on the directive of the project supervisor.

"We have already paid N30,000, but he left an instruction with the business centre typing our projects that it should not start work on them until four persons have completed payments. Now, the other two persons are yet to pay and there is a circular from the Rector's Office that all projects be completed by June 30.

"Our anger is that these lecturers are not helping issues. I don't know if they want us to go and steal to pay them in these hard times; it's bad they are asking us to pay such huge 'illegal' amount. We are tired. This confirms that they want to drag us back while

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