

Woman murdered on her wedding eve

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A female undergraduate was found lying dead in the pool of her blood in Umuezeawala forest in the early hours of

Tuesday, a day to her traditional and church wedding ceremonies.

The church wedding, which was supposed to take place on Wednesday, to be followed by the traditional wedding in her father's

compound same day in Uli, Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State, could not hold again.

Her relation, Uche, who spoke to newsmen, said the preparation for the two important ceremonies had

been concluded, including arrangement for chairs, canopies, tables and drinks.

He said there was serious suspicion that she was killed by either her rivals, whom the husband dropped in preference for her or her

male admirers, who were doing all they could to be the choice husband of the beautiful undergraduate.

It was gathered that one of her male lecturers was said to have told the girl jokingly when her wedding card was given to him that he would not live to see her marry another person, that he would die, as according to him, he was the first person who proposed marriage to her.

At the Ihiala Divisional Police headquarters, the DPO was not around, but a police sergeant, who spoke to newsmen on the case, preferred anonymity on the grounds that their DPO did not permit him or give approval for him to speak on the matter.

He confirmed the murder of the undergraduate by unknown people and added that investigations were still on to unravel the murderers.

Meanwhile, the body of the girl had been deposited at the Ihiala General Hospital.

US pledges support to Nigeria's fight against narcotics, terrorism

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THE United States government has assured Nigeria of support in counter-narcotics, anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism and other transnational organised crime control.

This was disclosed by Ambassador James Entwistle, during his first working visit to the national headquarters of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Ikoyi, Lagos.

Ambassador Entwistle, who was accompanied by his wife, Pamela, the US Consul-General, Jeffery Hawkins and other officials of the embassy were received by the Chairman/Chief Executive of the NDLEA, Ahmadu Giade.

The US envoy said he embarked on this first official visit because crime control was a top priority consideration in the protection of lives and property.



From left, Mr Rasheed Jimoh, Regional Manager for EMC in English Speaking West Africa; Mr Adiran McDonald, President of EMC Europe, Middle East and Africa and Mr Nazim Frajjat, Managing Director for EMC in Levant and Emerging Africa, at a press conference to announce EMC's new training centre and office expansion in Lagos, on Tuesday.

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