

Man, 30, stabs girlfriend to death in Calabar

UBONG ANTHONY - CALABAR

A 30-year old man, Richard Efiok, has stabbed his girlfriend, Miss Udoh Bassey, to death following disagreement over money.

Speaking to **Nigerian Tribune** while being paraded by the Cross River State Police Command on

Monday, Efiok, who is an indigene of Ikot Ewa in Akpabuyo Local Government Area of the state said the incident happened on May 22, 2015, adding "she actually visited me that fateful night and we made love."

"The following morning, she started a fight when I gave her N1, 000. She

broke a bottle and stabbed me on my head. I rushed into the kitchen, brought a knife and stabbed her too. Neighbours later rushed her to the hospital where she gave up the ghost."

Similarly, 25 years old Cyril Etim Ojang, who allegedly beheaded a vigilante member at Akamkpa

Local Government Area of the state, is also cooling his heels at the State Police facilities, Diamond Hill Calabar.

Ojang, who confessed to the crime said "one Friday, I went to one compound in my community and stole. On Sunday, I went there again but this time, I ran out of luck as people started pursuing me. I ran into the bush but my assailants were not ready to give up the pursuit. At a point, I hid myself somewhere in the bush, but one man, who I do not know his name, found me there and used his machet on me. At a point, I over-powered him, collected his machet and murdered him."

"I went home with the machet with which I murdered the man, and told my parents. My dad gave me transport fare and advised me to escape. I escaped to Akwa Ibom State. But few weeks after, I was told that the police had arrested my dad. Later, I was picked up by the police and brought back here."

In his brief remarks, Commissioner of Police, Cross River State Command, Mr Henry Fadairo, said since the commencement of intensive clampdown on criminals in the state between December 2014 and August this year, 150 suspects have been arrested including 14 hardened criminals involved in various criminal activities."

Others die in road accident

ing for commercial vehicle.

The identities of the victims were still unknown as at the time of filing this report, as the truck was said to have dismembered their bodies beyond recognition while the driver of the truck came out unhurt.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Wole

Ogodo, who confirmed the incident, said only one person was confirmed dead while the passenger of the motorcycle was injured.

Ogodo said "the driver of the truck lost control of the vehicle and ran over the bicycle rider killing only one person on the spot while the other was injured."

He said the victims were rushed to the State Specialist Hospital, Akure, where the rider was confirmed dead while the other person is still receiving treatment at the hospital.

Ogodo however said that the driver of the lorry, Ambrose, had been arrested.

2012 flood: We got N535m, not N15bn —Bayelsa State

THE Bayelsa State Post Management Committee, has described as blatant lies, the allegation by the All Progressives Congress (APC), that it received N15 billion as donations during the peak of the 2012 flood that devastated the entire state.

The committee said it has only received the sum of N500 million from the state government, being donation from a philanthropist organisation, Mr Mike Adenuga Foundation and additional N35 million for logistics and administrative cost.

The chairman of BSPMC, Chief Francis Doukpola, in a statement in Yenagoa, said it was wrong for any person or group of persons to institute such weighty allegation without any iota of fact.

He challenged those raising the allegation to come up with proof of any transactions that led to the acquisition of such amount by the committee or state government.

Doukpola said the monies received were used for positive interventions in most of the flood affected areas in seven local gov-

ernment areas in the state.

He said the committee, in a bid to alleviate the sufferings of the people, had embarked on some projects, including the distribution of cement in all the communities in the seven councils which were affected by the flood, apart from Brass Council Area that was not affected by the flood.

Also, 400 bags of cement were given to each of the communities to be distributed among the most affected persons, with emphasis on the less-privileged with mud houses.