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## 37-year-old Cameroonian dies in lover's home

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A 37-year-old Cameroonian national has died in his lover's home in Ogboinbiri community of the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The death of the Cameroonian, identified simply as Dr Charles, a patent medicine dealer, had reportedly aroused controversy.

Two different accounts of the incident were given by residents of the community.

Some indigenes of Ogboinbiri community claimed that the Cameroonian died after an alleged sex romp with his 35-year-old lover, an indigene of the community.

But another account claimed that Charles, who was allegedly ill from an unidentified ailment, slumped as soon as he entered the house.

A community source said Charles' corpse had been deposited in the morgue of the Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa, the state capital.

"The death of Charles is a mystery. Everyone heard that he was ill, but nobody could confirm if they had sex, which triggered the death," the source said.

Indigenes of the community were said to have reported the matter at the Oporoma Police Division.

It was learnt that the Divisional Police Officer, along with five policemen, had visited the house where the incident took place.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Bayelsa State Command, Mr. Asinim Butswat, confirmed the incident.

Butswat, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, said the preliminary report available to the command revealed that the deceased Cameroonian died of a natural cause.

"The report indicated that he was ill and slumped. He was said to have died before getting to the community health centre," the police spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the Bayelsa State Police Command said its operatives arrested no fewer than 16 suspected armed robbers, five kidnappers, 66 teenagers and cult members in different parts of the state.

The suspects were paraded at the headquarters of the state police command in Yenagoa on Tuesday.

The police said the arms and ammunition recovered from the suspects were four locally-made pistols, two pump-action guns, one 7.62mm live ammunition, 20 .9mm live ammunition and 30 rounds of AAA cartridges.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Amba Asuquo, said the 66 teenagers, whose ages ranged from 14 to 17, were arrested in possession of weeds suspected to be cannabis.

Asuquo said profiling and screening were ongoing, adding that the teenagers would be counselled allowed to go.

“Also, the police intercepted a tricycle with three occupants armed with a locally-made revolver pistol on Melford Okilo Road. On sighting the team, the hoodlums fled. One of them was arrested. Other gang members were traced to Custom Road, Biogbolo, Yenago,” Asuquo said.

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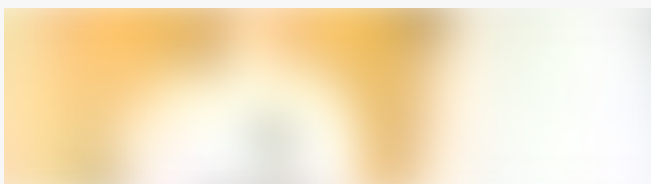
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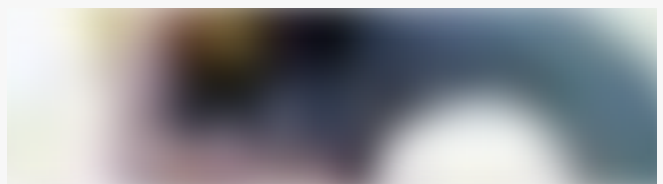
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