

# Normalcy Returns Rivers Community

**F**our days after the attack on Rumuolumeni community in Rivers State, normalcy is returning as businesses are gradually picking up.

Following the murder of the community's youth leader, Golden Isi, and invasion by armed men midnight on June 29, residents fled the area.

The invasion, which lasted several hours, resulted in the destruction of some houses that belonged to suspected killers of Isi.

Three persons were reportedly killed during the attack.

News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) correspondent, who visited Rumuolumeni yesterday, reports that businesses were picking up, as firms operating in the area had resumed full operations.

The companies' staff buses, which were withdrawn during crisis, had returned to the road.

Recounting her loss, a resident, Mrs. Stella Onukuru, told NAN that all her six goats were missing.

It was gathered that some youths who remained behind after the attack allegedly looted property.

Mohammed Sambo, 23, Musa Ali, 20, Ibrahim Abdulahi and Abubakar Shehu, have been sentenced to two years imprisonment each with an option of paying a fine of N20,000 each by an Ikeja Magistrate's Court.

The buyer of the stolen goods, Kolawole Mabinuori, was also paraded along with the accused persons.

In the charge sheet, the prosecutor, Sergeant Chris Takum, alleged that two of the accused, Mohammed Sambo and Musa Ali, on 24 June, 2007 broke into a shop belonging to Tope Lepe and stole 18 wrappers of Lace materials, 10 yards of Guinea brocade, valued at N69,000 and N31,000 cash.

They were alleged to have sold the clothes to the two other accused persons who also sold them to Mabinuori.

Kolawole Mabinuori pleaded not guilty to the charges against him and was granted bail by the presiding magistrate in the sum of N50,000 with two sureties.

The other accused persons who pleaded guilty to the charges were ordered to be remanded in prison.

When the matter came up Monday, the presiding magistrate, Mrs. Adeola Adedayo, sentenced the four accused persons to two years imprisonment, with an option of N20,000 fine by each of them.

# Lorry Kills Woman •Baby Injured

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**A** middle-aged woman, Asisat, has been killed by a lorry at Ewe-Nla

Bus Stop, Charity, along Apapa/Oshodi Expressway. Her two-year-old baby was, however, saved by a passersby at the scene.

The deceased and her baby were in company of her elder sister, Rashidat, and on their way to Agege, when the driver of a lorry lost control as a result of a burst tyre and smashed Asisat against the pavement. She died on the spot.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Mr. Sunday, a

commercial vehicle driver, told *P.M. News* that it was not the driver's fault. "It was the burst tyre that led to the accident. It was not as if the driver drove carelessly," he explained.

Another commercial vehicle driver, who witnessed the accident, Mr. Emeka, blamed the deceased for crossing the expressway instead of using the pedestrian bridge nearby. "That is why it is good to use the pedestrian bridge. I wouldn't blame the driver. The accident has happened, thank God, the baby is alive," he said.

The corpse of Asisat was later taken to the Makinde Police Station, Oshodi, by some policemen who arrested the driver of the lorry.

As at the time of filing this report, the driver was still being detained at the police station.

Sources at the station disclosed that the driver would soon be charged to court for manslaughter.

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This is to inform the general public that my name is **GODWIN JACOB** and not **GODDY**.