

Tragic reception

LG chair's orderly kills guest, injures two others

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A thanksgiving reception organized recently for the Chairman of Igbo – Eze North Local Government Area of Enugu State, Chief Bonaventure Onuh, has ended in tragedy when this police orderly (names withheld) killed a guest and injuring two including the chairman's sister, when his gun went off.

An eyewitness said that trouble started when the Daughters of Umuzinwo, Umuidoko clan in Ogrute, Enugu –Ezike (the chairman's hometown) visited his residence, bringing along a cow and other items to rejoice with him for emerging as the council chairman, the first from the area.

Things went on smoothly as guests were eating and drinking when suddenly a call came through the police orderly's phone. As he hurriedly dipped his hands into his pocket to pick the call, his AK-47 rifle resting on his laps fell off, hitting the gun's butt on the ground, three shots were released instantly.

One bullet hit Mrs Oyibo Ayogu on the ribs, another got Veronica Onuh, the chairman's blood sister on the leg, passed through to hit another victim, Josephine Onyeke on the leg too.

Pandemonium ensued as the chairman and others were rolling on the ground, weeping profusely.

The victims were rushed to St. Mary's Hospital, Ogrute, Enugu –Ezike from where they were later moved to University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital (UNTH), Enugu. Ayogu later died while the other two are still receiving treatment.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ebere Amaraizu, said that the command is handling the matter and will conclude investigations soon.

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