

# How Delta chief ended 'model' marriage with bullet

Community in shock as families trade tackles

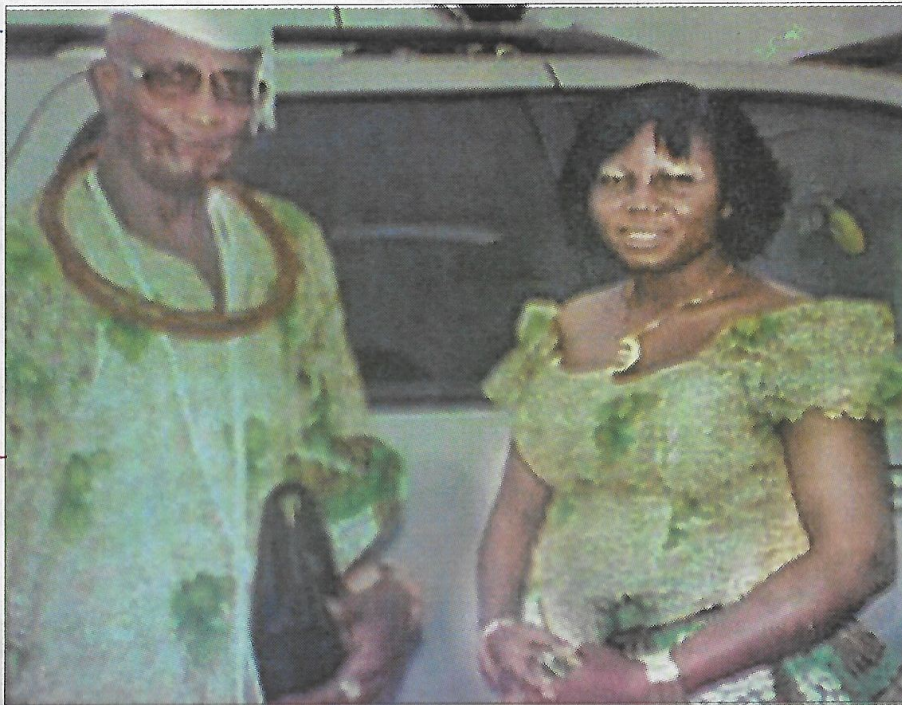
**RESIDENTS** of Edjeba community in Warri South Local Government area of Delta State, are still in a state of bewilderment over the recent sad incident, in which their traditional spokesman, Chief Micheal Ikpuri, allegedly walked into the apartment of his second wife, Igbo, in neighbouring Jeddo community, Okpe Council area and shot her dead.

To many, it was still a mystery that a couple, admired for having sustained an 'exemplary' married life for eight years, could throw caution to the wind and resort to settling scores with fatal means.

Igbo's life was said to have been snuffed out with a double barrel gun in the early hours of Saturday, January 7, 2017. Chief Isaac Emifoniye, a nephew to the embattled Ikpuri, recalled events leading to the tragedy. "Precisely on Saturday morning at 3am, we were called that there was tragedy at Jeddo.

There was disagreement between the wife and himself in the late hours of Friday.

"It got to a point that it was agreed that the woman be allowed



Chief Ikpuri and the late wife, Igbo on their traditional marriage day

woman family dey beg the man make the man forget all these things, we come dey shock that day wey the thing happened and how it take happen, because I no dey there".

In the words of a prominent Edjeba community youth, Oluwaseun Nejour: "What really happened is still a kind of shock and surprise to all of us in this community. As one of the youth leader in Edjeba, I am privileged to be close to this couple and I know this couple to be one peaceful couple. When I first got the news about the incident, I never believed it until I came to know that it was real. Chief had been so nice to the wife and the wife so nice to the husband, anything that happened between this couple I was always aware of it, even when others did not know about it.

He said: "All we have to say to the family of the late wife is that we still love her and her family and we will want to do everything humanly possible to keep and maintain that cordial relationship in spite of what had happened.

But, in a swift reaction, the deceased's elder brother, Mr. Emmanuel Odin, a staff of Ughelli North Local Government, vehemently denied the allegation of infidelity against his late sister.