

# Death by Her Blood

**I**t was a black Sunday for the board of Orient Petroleum Resources Limited, a company in Awka, Anambra State capital, as two of its directors were attacked and shot in separate incidents. Emeka Nwawka, the managing director, was allegedly waylaid and shot by unidentified assailants on his way to Nibo, his village, in Awka.

Nwawka, however did not die of the gunshot wound, as he is receiving treatment at a hospital in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. But Uzo Obi-Okoli, his co-director was unlucky. She was allegedly shot dead by one of her sons. Obi-Okoli was a former commissioner for women affairs in the state. Both victims are said to be cousins but no link had, up till weekend, been established in the two shooting incidents.

According to police and family sources, one of her sons, who returned from his London base, went out late on Sunday in his mother's Mercedes Benz 500 SEL car and returned later with some of his friends who stayed inside the vehicle without being noticed because the car's glasses were tainted. The assailant-son and his group reportedly sneaked into Obi-Okoli's room upstairs and shot her several times, leaving her in a pool of her own blood. The young man, alleged to be a drug addict, later fled from the town in his mother's car. But he was eventually nabbed by the police in Lagos, while trying to escape to London.

Mohammed Katsina, the assistant commissioner of police, Criminal Investigation Department, CID, in the state, confirmed the incident. ■

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