

Church killings: 20 victims battle for survival

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• 113 confirmed dead, three discharged

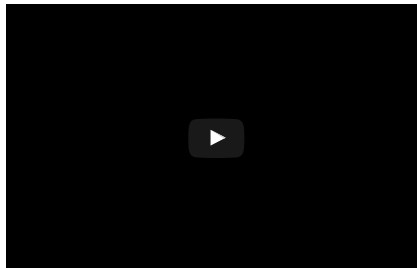
Six days of the massacre at the St. Philip's Catholic Church, Ozubulu in Anambra State, doctors are still battling to save the lives of 20 of the survivors at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital (NAUTH), Nnewi.

The massacre has turned Ozubulu to a ghost town as the villagers now live in fear of another attack. This is because they are yet to ascertain the reason behind the killing of innocent people while church service was going on.

This came as the Catholic Church yesterday confirmed that 13 people were shot dead in the attack on the Ozubulu church. The church also released the names of those who died and those still undergoing treatment in a statement signed by the Diocesan Bishop of Nnewi, Most Rev. Hilary Paul Odili Okeke

Those in Accidents and Emergency Unit are:

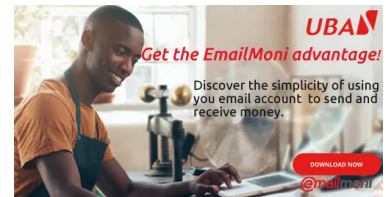
1. Ikegwuonu Caroline
2. Nwakile Anthonia
3. Okoye Odinaka
4. Okoye Patricia
5. Isaac Chinedu
6. Oramadike Chinagorom
7. Oramadike Chinecherem
8. Udegbumam Chidimma
9. Ndulue Samuel
10. Udegbumam Obiageli
11. Ugochi Obiajulu
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13. Oramadike Chioma
14. Azuka Basil
15. Oramadike Chiamaka

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1. Ngwuta Chinemelum
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Oba Trauma Centre

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2. Muomah Michael
3. Oramadike Favour

Dead Victims

1. Mr. Cyprian Ikegwuonu
2. Mr. Hyacinth Oramadike
3. Mrs. Cecilia Ewin
4. Mrs. Eunice Akanigbo
5. Mrs. Rose Okoye
6. Mrs. Anulika Obunadike
7. Mrs. Uchenna Obunadike
8. Mrs. Anthonia Ufondu
9. Miss Oluchukwu Uhelu
10. Miss Christiana Igbeja
11. Mrs. Udeze Pauline
12. Mrs. Victoria Uzokwe
13. Mrs. Florence Nweke

Okeke also called for assistance from the general public to help take care of the victims. He disclosed that an account has been opened with the United Bank for Africa (UBA) to which all funds for the care of the victims would be deposited.

The Diocesan Bishop also assured donors of judicious use of the funds. Meanwhile, the Chairman of Ebubechukwu Uzo Foundation, Mr. Jovita Chukuemeka Ofomata, said Chief Alloysius Ikegwuonu aka Bishop was not a drug dealer.

“He deals in beverages, spare parts which he imports from China. He is an estate developer in South Africa. He has built so many houses even here in Nigeria and sold. He is also into property management and importation,” Ofomata said.

Responding to the question on how well he knows Bishop’s dealings, Ofamata said: “Well, you can’t know someone 100 per cent, not even your wife. Ebubechukwuzo has not complained about having problems with anyone.


We have called to ask him if there is anyone he has problem with and he said, no. We asked him if there is anyone he is suspecting and he said no. He was here just last week



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