## Woman killed during robbers' confrontation with police



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The Abia State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ene Okon, yesterday, debunked allegation that his officer killed a woman trader while attempting to extort commercial cyclists in the state.

The victim, identified as Kasarachi, was a fruit seller at the Apumiri Market. Okon, while narrating how the incident happened, said that he got the information through a phone call moments after he returned from Abuja.

He had immediately called the Officer in Charge of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), in Ubakala.

Okon said: "I received the brief to the effect that there was a distress call at the dustbin area of Ubakala and then SARS operatives attached to Ubakala, responded to the distress call and discovered that robbers, numbering about five, using a Toyota RAV4 and in army camouflage, were operating. On sighting the SARS men, the gang opened fire and the SARS operatives retaliated. During the exchange of gunfire, a stray bullet hit the victim, who was rushed to the hospital and was confirmed dead."

Okon said the Toyota Sienna van used by the SARS operatives was riddled with bullets. According to him: "There was nothing like an accidental discharge or direct firing at the victim."

The CP disclosed that he has constituted a panel to investigate the circumstances that led to the death of the victim. This was even as he disclosed that the matter happened the previous night.

However, an eyewitness alleged that the deceased was killed by SARS men, who were attempting to extort cyclists. The eyewitness explained that some of the cyclists would be arrested and detained, then asked by the SARS men to bail themselves with N30,000 or N50,000.

The eyewitness noted that it was in the process of extorting the commercial motorcycle operators that one of the policemen fired the bullet that killed Kasarachi.

The eyewitness noted: "She was returning from a nearby filling station where she had gone to pack her wares at the end of the day's business when she was hit by the bullet. There was no robbery at all. We saw what happened and we can identify the policeman that pulled the trigger."

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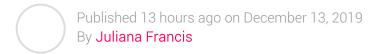
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### Three soldiers arrested for robbery



The Lagos State Police Command has arrested three soldiers at the Obanikoro area of the metropolis for armed robbery.

The three suspects, who were alleged to have been arrested in full military uniform and were armed with a dagger. The three men, who were arrested on 3rd of December, were further alleged to specialise in targeting and robbing drivers with broken trucks and containers.

A source said: "They were arrested as early as 5:a.m. by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Somolu Police Station. Before the arrest of the soldiers, the DPO had been receiving a series of complaints from commuters and motorists that military men used to rob them. There had also been complaints of passers -bye being attacked and robbed and owners of broken down vehicles robbed at night, also by military men."

# Osun Govt rescues destitute couple, four children



The State Government, yesterday, vowed to do everything possible to see to the welfare of women, children and the vulnerable in the state.

The Commissioner for Women, Children and Social Affairs, Barrister Olubukola Olaboopo, stated this while assisting a family of six wandering around Aregbe bus stop in Osogbo, the state capital.

She explained that the family consists of a father, his pregnant wife and four children, out of which one is a disabled.

Olaboopo said that the people residing in the area informed the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Affairs of the destitute family,

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### Rights group charges IGP to end sexual violence



The Network on Police Reform in Nigeria (NOPRIN) has called on the Inspector-General of Police, Mohammed Adamu, to take appropriate steps to curb acts of sexual violence allegedly being perpetrated by his men.

This was stated by the National Coordinator of NOPRIN, Mr Emmanuel Ikule in Lagos recently, at this year's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism, which has as its theme, "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape."

Ikule, who said that the law enforcement officers were not above the law, added: "They are supposed to protect, not abuse women and girls. Thus, if they commit acts of sexual abuse, they should be dismissed from the force and made to face the civil court on criminal

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### Man to die by hanging for killing father



The Bauchi State High Court 5, Presided over by Justice Aliyu Baba Usman, has sentenced Umaru Muhammadu Jauro Ori, to death by hanging for killing his father inside a mosque in Mai'aduwa Village of Misau Local Government Area.

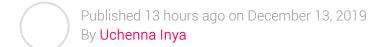
Delivering judgement yesterday, Usman said he had listened to the prosecutor, Hussein Ishaq Magaji and the defense counsel led by Barrister Chukwumeka Ikwazu carefully.

He said: "The death of the victim was as a result of the act of the accused and the prosecution counsels has proved their case beyond reasonable doubt. I found the accused culpable of homicide punishable with death under Section 221 of the Bauchi State Laws. I hereby sentenced him to die by hanging."

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### Killers of DSS official still unknown as cultist murders another



The Ebonyi State Police Command, yesterday, confirmed the murder of an official of the Department of State Security (DSS) in the state.

The DSS official was said to have been murdered by gunmen at Onwe road, Abakaliki.

Also, yesterday, a 30-year-old man, Boniface Nwogha, was murdered by suspected cultists in Abakaliki.

Nwogha was a plumber, living with his family at Michael Nwogha Onuba Street Amike- Aba in Ebonyi Local Government Area. He was killed at about 8:pm.

A source from the Neighborhood Watch, who did

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### Accident claims four in Asaba-Onitsha crash



Four passengers were killed and several others injured in a multiple auto crash involving a truck and a luxury bus along the Agbor-Asaba-Onitsha Expressway.

The ill-fated bus was negotiating a U-turn at the popular Emuhu Junction in Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State, before it ram into the truck, which compressed a section of the bus, killing people.

The survivors were immediately rushed to the Emergency Unit of the Agbor Central Hospital where they were placed on life-support gadgets.

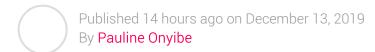
An eyewitness, who simply identified herself as Madam Chinwe, blamed the truck driver for not applying his brake immediately he

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# Father of five dumped in hospital after being knocked down by

### police van



A father of five, Mr Shedrack Ogbonna has been abandoned in a hospital by personnel of the Nigeria Police after they knocked him down.

Ogbonna, who is presently in a hospital battling to stay alive, was knocked down by policemen driving against traffic.

The accident left the victim brain damaged. He now needs N5million for surgery, which has to be done overseas, if he ever hopes to live a normal life again.

Ogbonna has spent at least seven months in the hospital, and still his wife and children continue to pray for a miracle.

Within those seven months, his wife and children had been kicked

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## YLMN: Stemming the tide of cultism among youths

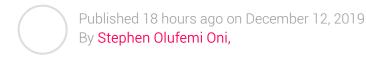


The need to curb the menace of cultism among youths was the thrust of a one-day seminar organised by the YouthsLens Movement of Nigeria (YLMN) and its partners. GODSTIME SIMON reports

According to census projections, half of Nigeria's population will be under 25- years-old by 2030 and those under this age bracket are youths.

Currently, about 30 per cent of the country's populations are youths. Among vices attributed to youths, cultism has been the most

## Kwara is open to business, says AbdulRazaq



As Gov, Industry Minister, Dangote visit BUA Factory in Lafiagi

Kwara State Governor AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq and Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Adeniyi Adebayo on Thursday toured the BUA sugar refinery and plantation in Lafiagi, Kwara State, amid assurances by AbdulRazaq that the state is open to business.

They were joined on the tour of the facility by Africa's richest man Aliko Dangote; Chairman of the BUA conglomerate Abdulsamad Rabiu; and other top players in the corporate business community in Nigeria.

"I welcome you all to Kwara. We are open to business. Ours is to assist you and ease the business environment for you so that you can invest more in Kwara. Our doors are open. We will make sure to keep you in Kwara," AbdulRazaq said at the Lafiagi site of the multimillion dollar sugar refinery under construction by the BUA

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