

the front of Daudu Police Outpost, Kpesu community Warri, they sighted a tricycle driving against traffic. In an attempt to stop them, the suspects dangerously maneuver the tricycle and escaped, but in the process, a black handbag fell from the tricycle. Upon searching the bag, one locally made cut-to-size pistol was recovered.

Edafe, however, said, efforts to arrest the fleeing suspects are ongoing.

## Oyo : 5 killed, 4 in critical condition as car rams into New Year party

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**T**ragedy struck early yesterday in Akinmorin community in the Afijio Local Government Area of Oyo State, when a drunk-

en driver rammed his car into some New Year partying friends at top speed, killing five on the spot and injuring five others.

The young man, who escaped from the scene after the incident, was said to be drunk as at the time of the incident. Three of his friends who were in the car with him were however arrested by the police. Four of the injured victims according to an eye witness are in critical conditions.

According to the eyewitness, the victims were among the people holding a New Year open party at Baba Ode area of the community when the motorist drove to the area on top speed. He was said to be a friend to many of them as he often visited the place to recreate.

Report had it that some of the partying friends, who were shocked at his speed, confronted him for driving at such speed considering that it was night that residents were returning from church and mosques after the crossover service. The confrontation was said to have degenerated into an argument which infuriated the drunk young man.

"After intervention of some elders around, the young man entered his car reluctantly. Still angry at the confrontation, he vowed to spill blood. Then he started the car engine and zoomed into the dancing friends, knocking down over 10 people," the eyewitness said.

Oyo State Police Command spokesperson, Adewale Osifeso (SP), who confirmed the incident said investigation has commenced into the matter, adding that updates would be provided accordingly.

## Ebubeagu commander's wife shot dead in Ebonyi, house burnt

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**W**ife of the Ebubeagu commander in Owutu Edda, Afikpo South Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, Urenwa Chima Kalu has been shot dead.

The assailants also set the commander's house ablaze, in the incident which occurred on New Year day.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Chris Anyanwu confirmed the incident

Anyanwu said, a report filed in by CSP Ayodele Umujose, the Divisional Police Officer, Afikpo-South Division, Ebonyi

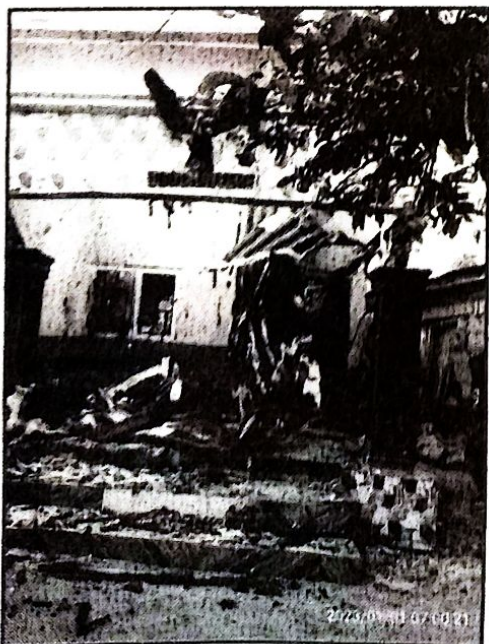
State, has it that the Ama-Etiti Amaoso Edda Youth Leader, Nnachi Mba, reported that, at about 0230hrs of 01/01/2023, the house of the Afikpo-South Ebubeagu Commander, Oyeku Kalu Chima located at Owutu Edda, was attacked and set ablaze while his wife Urenwa Kalu Chima was shot dead.

"It has not been established meantime, who perpetrated the dastardly act, however, the said Ebubeagu Commander alleged that it was one Okporie Ashango and his cohorts that did it."

The Commissioner of Police Ebonyi State Police Command, CP Aliyu Garba has directed that immediate investigation be activated by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in-charge of the State Criminal Investigation/Intelligence Department (SCIID) to unravel those behind the crimes.

"Further to that, detectives of the SCIID and operatives of the Command's Tactical Teams have taken over proceedings in the area as the CP orders that the perpetrators must be fished out and brought to book pronto.

"It is rather unfortunate that mischief-makers are still fomenting fracas in the state in spite of the grace of witnessing a new year," he said.



Part of the damaged property