

# Police Sergeant crushed to death in Delta

By Austin Ogwuda

**A**SABA—A Police Sergeant was crushed to death in the early hours of Saturday while on duty post near Okpanam junction on Benin-Asaba highway, almost at the same point where 17 passengers were crushed to death during an armed robbery attack over two months ago.

*Vanguard* gathered that the killed Sergeant was among an Anti-Robbery Patrol Team positioned at that portion of the road which the police authorities in the state had pencilled down as one of the flash points.

He however met his untimely death when a trailer with registration number Borno XB 169 MAG coming from Lagos towards the East was said to have swerved and knocked down the sergeant. However another account said that the trailer was flagged down to stop, but the driver allegedly refused and in course of the ensuing con-

fusion he hit the Sergeant.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Relations Officer (PPRO), Miss Olabisi Okuwobi said "the Anti-Robbery Patrol Team were on pin down point along Okpanam Hill when one Mark trailer vehicle with registration No Borno XB 169 MAG driven

by one (name withheld) from Lagos swerved and crushed one F/No 77230 Sergeant Sunday Young, a member of the team.

She added that "after the incident the driver ran away without stopping but other members of the team chased and got him arrested by Ibusa

road having deflated his tyre with a bullet", adding that "the victim (Sergeant) died instantly and the body has been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) Asaba while the suspect and his vehicle handed over to Motor Police Traffic Division Asaba".

## Ojougboh lauds EFCC's move to screen aspirants

By Dapo Akinrefon

**D**ELTA State PDP gubernatorial aspirant, Dr. Cairo Ojougboh has applauded moves by the Federal Government to use the anti-crime operatives, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to screen political office seekers come 2007.

According to him, any policy that would assist the country in its fight against corruption should be encouraged, stressing that the malady has over the years painted the

country in bad light in the comity of nations.

Ojougboh reiterated that the cankerworm which has eaten deep into the fabric of the country was the bane of its rapid development.

His words: "The World Bank has it on record that 300 billion dollars belonging to Nigerians is overseas. If we have such huge amount of money invested here in our economy, we will be out of some of the problems bedeviling us as a nation.

"As you know, corruption has remained the major set

back to our development and anything that would help us to fight the cankerworm should be supported by all and sundry. EFCC should be encouraged in the fight against corruption so that we can win back our credibility as a nation of hardworking people".

Ojougboh who spoke on a wide range of issues, also condemned in its entirety the rising wave of violence and political assassinations ahead of the next general polls, saying that such ugly trend was unacceptable.