

Delta CP orders arrest of four policemen over student's death

By Austin Ogwuda

A SABA — DELTA State police commissioner, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom has ordered the arrest of a police inspector and three others over the death of an Auchi Polytechnic student who was strongly believed to have been tortured to death while being interrogated at Agbor police station.

Report from the area said that the 23-year-old student of Federal Polytechnic Auchi in Edo State whose name was given as Peter Odion Aigui was arrested on 24th of July this year at Agbor for an undisclosed offence and taken to Agbor police station.

At the Agbor Divisional police station, Peter was alleged to have been handcuffed and allegedly tortured to a point he was said to have lost consciousness and immediately rushed to Agbor General hospital where he gave up the ghost.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Relations Officer (PPRO) Miss Olabisi Okuwobi told *Vanguard* on phone

yesterday afternoon that "yes, the CP has ordered the arrest of the policemen. They are already with us at the State police headquarters in

Asaba here and the CP has ordered his Monitoring team to investigate the matter thoroughly.

"You know our *oga* (CP), he

is a no nonsense man if the policemen are eventually culpable for the death then they will face the music", she stated.

26 perish in Rivers auto crash

By Jimitota Onoyume

PORT HARCOURT — IT was wailing weekend in Rivers State when about 26 persons perished in an auto crash.

Sources told the *Vanguard* that the accident which occurred on Elele Road was between a bus said to belong to Imo Transport Company and a Ford Jeep. It could not be ascertained if the ghastly accident which happened on Saturday was as a result of mechanical problem but sources said it was a head on collision between the two vehicles. And that the passengers, including the drivers of the vehicles died on the spot

"It happened around 6:45pm on Saturday. The two vehicles were obviously racing at top speed, which was why there was no survivor. After

colliding, they both somersaulted several times before they ended up in the bushes near the express", one of the sources said.

Group writes UN over

FOLLOWING the killing of the Niger Delta negotiators who were delegated to negotiate for the release of an oil worker who was abducted by a militant group the Ijaw of Niger Delta petitioned the United Nations and the International community asking them to sanction Nigeria and blacklist the army for killing innocent men of Ijaw extrac-

tion.

In a petition signed by Comrade Joseph Evah and Comrade Timipa Igoli Co-ordinator and Secretary General respectively on behalf of the Ijaw Monitoring Group, the Ijaw alleged that the action of the soldiers was sponsored by Shell and other multinational oil companies sent on eliminating