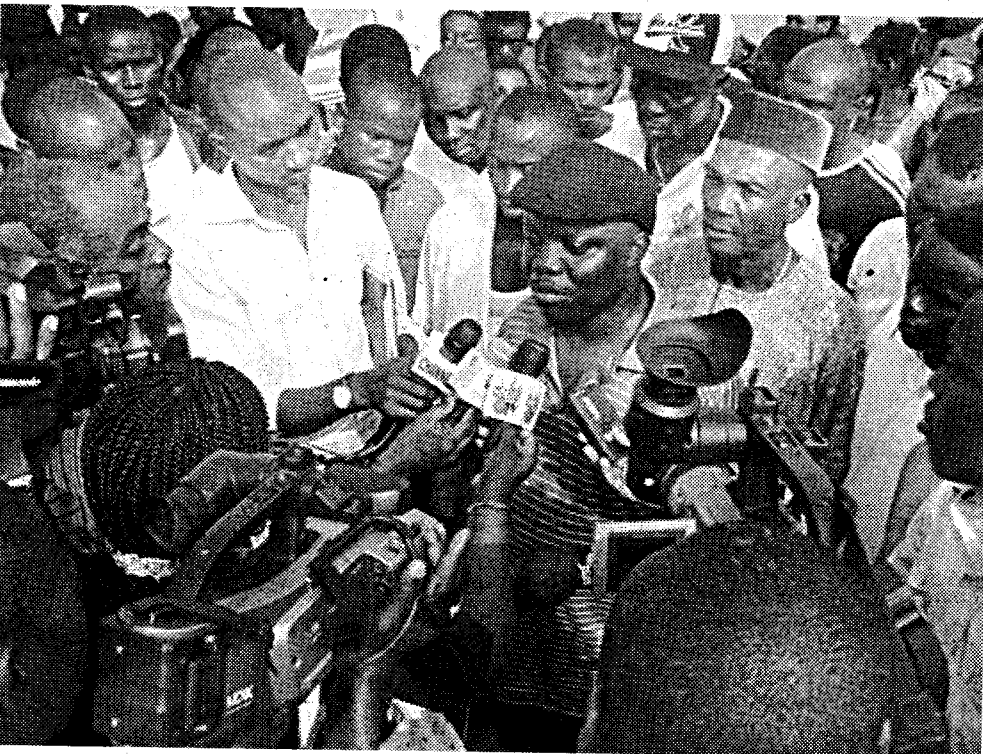


Four siblings roasted to death in Agbor

By Austin Ogwuda



PDP WARD CONGRESS: Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan (1st front roll) at the PDP ward congress that was repeated in the state over the weekend at his hometown of Abigoroda. Photo: Henry Unini



PDP WARD CONGRESS: Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, fielding questions from pressmen shortly after the PDP ward congress. Photo: Henry Unini

A SABA—TRAGEDY struck at Orogodo-Agbor in Delta State weekend following an outbreak of fire that consumed four children of the same parents.

They were children of a popular trader in the town, Mr. Victor Okobu who was said to have travelled out with his wife when the fire incident took place.

Report from the area said that incident which occurred at about midnight on Saturday gutted a building located at number 16, Baleke Street Orogodo-Agbor. The four children who were students including one of them that was seeking for an admission into the university were trapped and were burnt to death.

Although there are conflicting eye witness reports as to the cause of the fire, one source said that the fire might have resulted from a candle light while another said that an explosion from gas cylinders which were stocked in the building for sale must have been responsible.

Men of the fire fighters arrived the scene almost immediately but unfortunately the whole building collapsed thereby trapping the deceased who were eventually burnt to death.

Seven winners emerge from C-River PDP House of Reps primaries

By John Ighodaro

CALABAR—THE Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) primaries into the Federal House of Representatives weekend in Cross River State threw up seven winners from the seven Federal Constituencies in the state.

The Federal Constituencies are Akamkpa/Biase, Abi/Yakurr, Obubra/Eyan, Boki/Ikom, Calabar Municipality/Odukpani, Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakasi and Ogoja/Yala.

Chairman of the PDP Electoral Committee in the State, Mr. Babagana Bukar, released the results Monday at the PDP Secretariat in the State. According to him, in Akamkpa/Biase, Pastor Alex Ukam emerged the winner with 428 votes while Mr. Bassey Eko Ewa emerged winner in Abi/Yakurr with 921 votes. Mr. Christopher Etta took the PDP ticket in Boki/Ikom with 63 votes while Mr. John Inoh won with 797 votes.

In Calabar Municipality/Odukpani and Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakasi Federal Constituencies, the winners were Mr. Bassey Out with 585 votes and Mr. Essien Ayi with 54 votes respectively.

In the Ogoja/Yala Federal Constituencies, Mr. Gabriel di won with 459 votes.

N-Delta problem under control — OBASANJO

By Ben Agande

ABUJA—PRESIDENT Olusegun Obasanjo yesterday described as 'unfortunate and embarrassing' the spate of hostage-taking and kidnapping in the Niger Delta region but assured that the situation in the area was 'becoming more controllable'.

The president told members of the Honorary International Investors Council at the presidential Villa in Abuja that apart from establishing institutions like the Niger Delta Development Commission to handle the peculiar development needs of the region, the setting up of the quarterly meeting of stakeholders in the region was part of government's efforts at opening 'a new way of doing things' in the region.

The HIIC was led to the presidential Villa by Baroness Lynda Chalker. While ac-

knowledging that the Niger Delta Region had been neglected by the past administrations, President Obasanjo attributed the increase in the

incidences of violence in the region to the misconception of the youths in the area who believe that such neglect could be addressed overnight.

Pipeline explosion kills one in Rivers

By Jimitota Onoyume

PORT HARCOURT—A PIPELINE belonging to NNPC Sunday night went up in flames at Ogale, Eleme in Rivers state. There were speculations at press time that one person may have died from the incident which occurred at about 10.45 pm. Community sources told the *Vanguard* that some vandals may have been responsible. They said some of their subjects probably let out some

spark while they were tempering with the pipeline. This may have triggered the fire which at press time was still on.

Continuing, the sources said some staff of the NNPC were around yesterday to reduce the intensity of the inferno.

This development was coming few weeks after men of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps impounded over twenty drums allegedly used by pipeline vandals to store petroleum products.