

# Irate youth hacks pregnant woman, 4 others to death

By Chidi Nkwopara

**O**WERRI — No fewer than five persons, including a pregnant woman, have been killed by an irate youth identified as Batholomew Uzoegbu, at Umuagba, Omukwu, Ezinihitte Mbaise local government area of Imo State.

**Saturday Vanguard** investigations also revealed that three of the dead persons come from the same family as the assailant, while the identities of the other two victims remained unclear at press time.

An eye witness who spoke on strict grounds of anonymity said that "the young man struck between 3-4pm, Thursday, August 30, 2007, and thereafter made good his escape."

Continuing, the badly shaken woman also said that the rumour making the rounds in the community pointed to the fact that the private part of one of the victims "was tampered with."

When contacted on his mobile phone, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Linus Nwaiwu, an assistant superintendent of police (ASP) confirmed that five persons were murdered by the assailant, although he could not immediately say what led to the

gory incident.

"The five persons were killed with a sharp knife. I cannot immediately say what led to the gory incident but the suspect has been arrested and is cooling his feet at the Divisional Police Headquarters, Obizi", Nwaiwu said.

Continuing, the PPRO said that he has visited the scene of the crime, adding that "in the next few hours, the suspect would be transferred to the state Police Headquarters, Owerri, where proper investigations would be carried out and the next line of action taken by the Command".

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**Y**ENAGOA — Armed soldiers backed by armoured tanks yesterday ~~condoned~~ ~~on~~ all roads leading to the Bayelsa State Government House as former governor, Chief