

Drunken policeman shoots 25-year-old man to death

By Samuel Oiyadonga

YENAGOA—TRAGEDY A man struck Tuesday night at Akenfa, outskirts of Yenagoa Bayelsa State capital when a 25-year-old man was accidentally shot dead by a drunken mobile policeman (name withheld).

Also, a man simply identified as 'T Boy', the chief security officer of the Akenfa youth organisation was hit by a flying bullet and is currently receiving medical attention at an undisclosed hospital in the capital city.

Vanguard learnt that the tragic incident which is now causing tension in the usually serene neighbourhood occurred during a burial ceremony in the area.

Although the immediate cause of the incident could not be ascertained witnesses told *Vanguard* that they only heard gunshots around the celebration ground.

The deceased whose name was given as Timi Joshua was allegedly felled by the police bullet and died on the spot while 'T Boy' as he is fondly called was lucky to have cheated death but with a serious injury.

The trigger happy mobile policeman was said to have been drunk and was shooting indiscriminately into the air ostensibly in celebration to the rhythm of the music when disaster

struck.

Joshua an indigene of Okumbiri community in the Sagbama local government area of Bayelsa State was said to have been fatally hit in his waist region while 'T Boy' was hit on the neck.

Witnesses told *Vanguard* that several other innocent persons could have lost their lives but for the timely intervention of some

youths at the scene of the incident who dared the trigger happy policeman and disarmed him.

As at the time of filing this report, the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at a nearby hospital in Yenagoa as tension heightened in the troubled community with most shops under lock and key.

Ughelli lawmaker donates machines for poverty alleviation

By Festus Ahon

UGHELLI—POISED to eradicate poverty among the rural poor, the member representing Ughelli South Local Government Area in the Delta State House of Assembly, Mr. Taleb Tebite, has donated sewing machines, pepper blending machines and Celtel-Business Call machines worth millions of naira to the "I Care" project of Mrs. Roli Uduaghan, wife of the State Governor.

Presenting the items, wife of Mr. Tebite, Mrs. Eguono Tebite explained that the items were for onward donation to the rural women of Ughelli South Local Government constituency.

Mrs. Tebite stated that the gesture was part of the

programmes lined up by the Olorogun and Mrs. Taleb Tebite Foundation towards eradicating poverty among the rural populace of the constituency.

While urging the beneficiaries to make judicious use of the items, she reiterated that the gesture was a token of their appreciation to the people of the area for voting Hon. Taleb Tebite to represent them at the State House of Assembly.

Mrs. Roli Uduaghan thanked the Olorogun and Olorogun, Mrs. Taleb Tebite Foundation for the gesture, while presenting the items to the beneficiaries.

Mrs. Uduaghan said the donation was in tune with the State government determination to develop the people of the state.