

# Ritualists behead 70-yr-old woman

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**UGHELLI—UGHELLI** metropolis in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, was last Monday enveloped in fear as a woman in her seventies was ambushed and beheaded by suspected ritual killers.

The woman, whose name was given as Bide Erieta, our correspondent reports, was ambushed on her way to the bush where she was to fetch fire wood.

According to the source which pleaded anonymity, the woman was beheaded in the early hours of yesterday in "Ikprukpru" bush in the Uloho avenue axis of the Ughelli metropolis.

The source further disclosed that the woman, who deals in fire wood, hailed from Ornuwho-run in Udu Local Government Area of the State.

Effort to reach the Ughelli Divisional Police Officer; DPO, Ughelli 'A' Division, Mr Chris Sogbara, for comments proved abortive as at press time.

However, a senior police officer of the Division confirmed

the incident, saying they were already investigating the matter and promised that the hoodlums would be brought to book.

The police source pointed out that the police in the area was equal to the task of policing the area and appealed to members

of the public not to hesitate to furnish the police with any useful information that could lead to the tracking down of the suspected ritual killers.

The corpse of the septuagenarian was still lying in the bush at the time of filing this report.

## DTHA wants commissioner to sanitise DBS

**ASABA—THE** Delta State House of Assembly has urged the state Commissioner for Information, Mr. Oma Djebah, to ensure that accountability, professionalism and probity are restored and entrenched in the operations of Delta Broadcasting Service (DBS), Warri and Asaba.

The Assembly, which expressed dissatisfaction and unhappiness over the unpleasant state of affairs occasioned by imprudent and poor management of resources in the broadcasting houses, threw its weight behind the resolve and vision of the Commissioner to revamp, restructure and re-engineer the stations for improved performance to the joy and delight of all Deltans.

The position of the state legislature was conveyed by the House Committee on Information during a budget defence appearance by the Ministry of Information before the lawmakers yesterday in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

Echoing the unanimous displeasure of the Committee on the activities of the stations, its Chairman, Hon. Abel Oshevire, representing Ughelli North constituency in the Assembly, came down heavily on the General Managers of the two stations, warning that they either tow the line of profitability in the operations of the parastatals or they would have themselves to blame as the Assembly will move in to sanitise the outfits.