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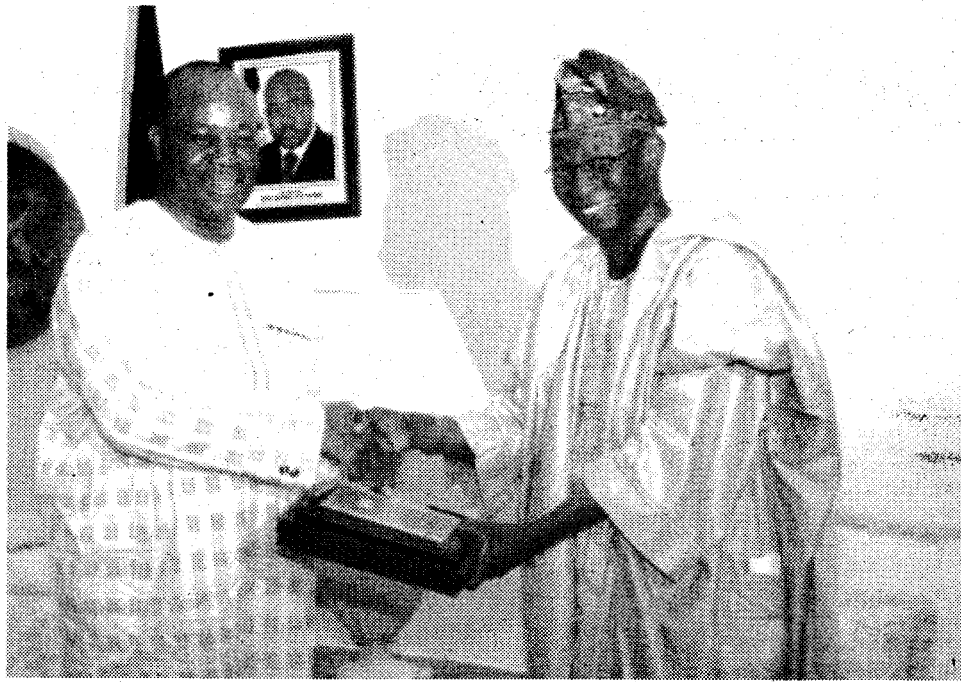
## Community berates Fregene's family over ultimatum to Shell, others

By Emma Amaize

**S**APELE—CHAIRMAN of Sapele-Okpe community in Delta State, Chief Joseph Onomor, has criticized the Fregene family of Sapele for issuing a 21-day ultimatum to the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Workson International Limited and other companies carrying out operations on a disputed parcel of land between the family and other families in the area, as though the land, which is currently a subject of litigation, belongs to it.

Chief Onomor in a statement, entitled, "Re-false and contemptuous claim to Unumeri (Arunwun) land situate along the bank of River Ethiope, Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State by the Fregene family of Amukpe," said, "it is a gross act of contempt capable of precipitating a breakdown of law and order, for the Fregene family to lay claim of ownership to the said land when the courts are yet to make pronouncement to that effect".

According to him, "the said parcel of land is in dispute and therefore subject of litigation in suit No. S/33/70 Onoriede E. Temigan and others V. Jacob Fregene and others, pending at the High Court of Justice, Sapele as well as in suit No FHC/B/CS/88/05: Chief Inspector Erumre Jovwo and anor. V. SPDC and others, pending at the Federal High Court, Benin City respectively, both of which involve the Fregene family".



**PRESENTATION:** Governor Akpabio of Akwa Ibom State (left) presenting a souvenir to the visiting chairman of Inspection Team of National University Commission, Prof. Festus Ogunbona, at Government House, Uyo.

## Tanker crushes Police Inspector to death

By Austin Ogwuda

**A**SABA—TRAGEDY struck in Asaba yes-

terday when a fast moving tanker crushed a Police Inspector to death, just as a top official of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in the state lost his life in a separate accident.

The Police Inspector, according to an eye witness, was crushed to death near the State Legislative quarters on Okpanam road.

Barely six weeks ago, a similar accident occurred in Asaba near NITEL in which a commercial motor cyclist was

crushed to death by a tipper.

As at the time of this report, the full identity of the late Inspector has not been ascertained, but police sources confirmed that the driver of the tanker fled the scene abandoning the tanker.

The NURTW official was said to have dropped off his wife and children in the church and while pulling out from a filling station after filling his tank was involved in the accident along Asaba-Benin highway.

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