

# Policeman kills guest at wedding ceremony in Okpanam

By Austin Ogwuda

**A SABA—TRAGEDY** struck weekend, when a trigger-happy mobile policeman reportedly killed one of the guests as he (mobile policeman) opened fire sporadically into the air in ecstasy during a wedding ceremony.

The unfortunate incident took place at Okpanam town in Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State and the name of the guest was simply given as Paul, a fresh graduate waiting for his National Youth Service.

Eyewitness told *Vanguard* that at the peak of the ceremony, two Mobile policemen at the occasion opened fire one after the other and in the process a stray bullet allegedly hit the young man on the head leading to his instant death.

As a result of the incident, the wedding ended abruptly as guests scampered for safety while others who summoned

courage descended on the two policemen and beat them to pulp.

Contacted, the State Police Public Officer (PPRO), Mr. Charles Muka, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP)

confirmed the incident but declined to comment whether the two mobile policemen were there on lawful duty or not but merely said "we (police) are investigating the circumstances; two mobile men are in custody".

## Sylva wants stakeholders to partner on N-Delta devt

By Samuel Oyadongha

**YENAGOA—GOVERNOR** Timipre Sylva of Bayelsa State, has stressed the need for all stakeholders in the Niger Delta to join hands and work for the accelerated development of the region.

Chief Sylva stated this when the management team of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) led by its Act-

ing Managing Director, Pastor Power Aginighan paid a courtesy call on him in Yenagoa.

The governor, who described the visit as an indication of the willingness of NDDC to work with the government of Bayelsa State assured that the doors of his government were open to the commission for collaboration and partnership.

He stated that NDDC is not an exclusive agency and will therefore perform better if it works in consonance with state