

Suspected assassins kill 80-yr-old man in Imo

By Chidi Nkwopara

O WERRI—THE peace of Umuonyeali-Ugo community, Mbieri, Mbaitoli local government area of Imo State has been badly jolted, following the gruesome murder of an 80-year-old man, Mr. Michael Onwusoronye, a.k.a Okashi, by suspected assassins.

A villager, who spoke on strict grounds of anonymity, told *Vanguard* that late Onwusoronye had on the ill-fated day gone to inspect the traps he set in the forest but was shot by unknown persons.

Corroborating what the villager said, one of the deceased sons, Mr. Chimechefulam Onwusoronye, told curious reporters that he sighted his father's motorcycle on his way back from work.

"I called him the usual name I was fond of but there was no response from my father. It was most unusual for my father to act that way and I decided to search for

him," the son recounted with grief.

According to him, he later saw the lifeless body of his father, as flies already swarmed his body. He added that he quickly ran back home to report the ugly incident to his siblings, adding that a close inspection of his late father's body revealed that he had a deep knife cut on the side of his body.

The deceased's wife, Mrs Sabina Onwusoronye, recalled how her husband instructed her to remain at their palm wine joint while he went to check the traps he set the previous day.

"Shortly after, some youths came to inform me that my husband wanted me to close shop and return home.

"The message was strange but I obeyed, only to be told what had happened when I got home," the widow said.

Although the family said the matter had been properly reported to the Divisional Police Headquarters,

Nwaorieubi, Mbaitoli local council area, the Police Command's Public Relations Officer, Mr.

Linus Nwaiwu, however said he did not have the brief on the matter.

ADC chair tasks Jonathan on Zik mausoleum

By Dotun Ibiwoye

A WKA—NATIONAL Chairman of African Democratic Congress, ADC, Chief Ralph Nwosu, has mandated President Goodluck Jonathan to build a mausoleum for late Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe after his recent visit to Anambra state.

Nwosu noted that the man, Zik, who made Nigeria to become an independent entity still laid in an unkempt and 'uncompleteable' mausoleum.

In a letter addressed to President Jonathan weekend, Nwosu said the federal government should make Anambra State a befitting resting place and a national retreat centre for government/history stud-

ies.

He said: "I wish to bring it to your notice that as we still bask in the euphoria of the 50th anniversary of Nigeria independence, the man, Zik, still lie in an unkempt and 'uncompleteable' mausoleum. The federal government spent billions to celebrate the independence this honourable gentleman championed.

"We offer you the platform of our party, African Democratic Congress, ADC and we shall support and work for your victory. However, this support is premised on you being the anchor of the change we advocate, which we hereby restate as our genuine expectation".