

East-West Road dispute resolved

THE lingering dispute that has stalled construction work on the Eket-Oron section of the East-West Road has been resolved.

Community leaders in Eket have been kicking against the construction of a by-pass which, according to them, was

PDP chieftain shot dead in Auchi

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BENIN—A chieftain of Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in Edo State, Ahmad Inu-Umoru, has been shot dead by suspected cultists in Auchi, Etsako West Local Government Area, Edo State. He was the son of late Alhaji Inu Umoru, former Chairman of Setraco Construction Company Ltd., and

financier of PDP in Edo North.

The victim, said to be in his early 20s, was reportedly shot on the head along Warrake Road, Auchi, last week and was rushed to Irrua Specialist Hospital. He was then referred to University of Benin Teaching Hospital, UBTH. The young Inu-Umoru was confirmed dead on Friday at UBTH.

Although the circum-

stances surrounding his shooting were unclear at press time, *Vanguard*, however, gathered that rivalry between cult groups in Auchi had assumed a new dimension in recent times.

It was learnt that there had been complaints in Auchi community that ex-cultists were favoured by the employment policy of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, which had engaged some

of them as security men to the detriment of other citizens.

The situation was said to be fueling tension within the polytechnic community.

When contacted, yesterday, spokesman of Edo State Police Command, Mr. Ejiroro Awahara, confirmed the shooting of Ahmad Umoru.

He said: "The matter was reported and police is investigating."