

# Five assassinated in Orlu

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**T**HE sleepy Amaifeke and Okporo communities in Orlu local council area of Imo State have been thrown into confusion and deep mourning, following what a resident called "an orchestrated assassination."

Saturday Vanguard investigation revealed that a man suspected to be a drug baron allegedly hired some assassins to eliminate a man simply identified as Okwuotu from Amaifeke.

It was not clear at press time if Okwuotu was the baron's business partner but feelers from the community was that the hired gunmen traced their target to a beer parlour at Amaifeke.

## LOSS OF DOCUMENT

This is to inform the public of the loss of Original Mortgage Redemption Certificate and some other documents issued by Federal Housing Authority to Alhaji Shamsiddin Ajibola Busari of 24 Road K Close, Block 2, Flat 1 Festac Town.

"Not knowing that their supposed victim had left the drinking spot but seeing two men, including a soldier, who presumably fitted

the description of their target, they opened fire and silenced the duo on the spot", the villager recounted.

## GCU Old Boys meet in Lagos

**G**OVERNMENT College, Ughelli, Old Boys Association, GCUO-BA, Lagos branch, will meet on Sunday December 4, at the Banquet Hall,

Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Ikeja, Lagos, at 1.30pm, for its annual luncheon party.

A statement from the association said in the last four years, it had support-

ed Delta State Government by committing over N70 million to the provision of facilities in its alma mater.

## Court grants US-based lawyer bail

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**A** Lagos State High Court, Igboosere, yesterday, granted bail to a US based Nigerian lawyer, Emeka Ephraim Ugwuonye, who was arraigned on November 15, 2011, by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, over an alleged stealing and diversion of \$94, 948.00 belonging to one Mr. Sola Adeeyo- a client.

The trial judge, Justice Christopher Balogun,

while admitting him bail, noted that the purpose is not for Ugwuonye (defendant) to impede trial as he was reported to have sent libelous and disparaging statements against the EFCC.

"In respect of the submission of the parties, it is not in contention whether this court has the jurisdiction to grant the defendant (Ugwuonye) bail", Justice Balogun said, adding that the offence is one that the court has the jurisdiction to grant the defendant (Ugwuonye) bail, except when there are convinc-

ing reasons not to. It would be recalled that the entire leadership of the party in the state had endorsed Oshiomhole for a second term but failed to endorse Odubu as his running mate.

However, Barr. Sunday Ogbomo, who led the protest at the palace,

said it was in total support of the Senate for passing the bill making same sex marriage in Nigeria a crime that carries 14 years jail term.

The PFN also lampooned some western countries for threatening Nigeria with sanctions should the bill be passed into law.

The UK had warned of withdrawing some of its assia-

rians proud by having the moral courage to pass this bill. We call on President Goodluck Jonathan not to give in to the blackmail of any western nation and sign the bill into law.

"The decision of the Senate on the matter has brought hope and pride to the Nigerian people."

## Muslim group holds conference

**T**HE Ahmadiya movement in Islam, Nigeria holds its 95<sup>th</sup> annual conference from Friday 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December in Lagos. The theme of this year's meet is "Solutions to Corruption in our Society-Islamic Perspective". Professor Ishiar Oloyede Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin and Ma-

yor Gen. Tajudeen Olarenwaju (Rtd) will be the guest speakers. The Royal father of the day is HRH. Oba Rilwan Babatunde Akiolu 1 (The Oba Of Lagos) and the Chief host is Alhaji Lukman Adeyemi Adebisi, National President Ahmadiyya Movement-in-Islam, Nigeria.

## Soldiers allegedly kill man in Delta

**T**RIGGER happy soldiers have allegedly killed a young Delta state musician, Ifeanyi Olise. The incident which happened last Wednesday, November 30, 2011, was allegedly committed by soldiers attached to a multinational oil company in the Ndokwa area of the state.

The incident, took place at Okpai Umuaguru, an oil producing community. The late Ifeanyi Olise, who was

the Chairman of a cultural dance troupe, was at Okpai to entertain at a social gathering. At about 2pm, two Hilux Jeeps allegedly loaded with fully armed soldiers stormed the venue and started shooting sporadically. Olise and others had gone helter skelter but Olise was said to have been hit on his face and died instantly.