



UTME candidates on the queue for screening before the examination at Model Secondary School, Maitama in Abuja yesterday.

3 stabbed to death over stolen drums in Bayelsa

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THE riverine settle-
ment of Gbarain in
Southern Ijaw council of
Bayelsa State was, on Fri-
day, thrown into confusion
when a man, identified as
Ibibi, reportedly ordered
the killing of two persons
to avenge the murder of
his son, Ebibofa.
It was gathered that the
man, now in police
custody, was angered by
the killing of his son.
The deceased, Ebibofa,
was said to have incurred
the wrath of his friends
who stabbed him to death
for failing to account for
the proceeds from the
sales of drums allegedly
stolen.
Prior to the sad turn of
event, a source from the

area said the three de-
ceased persons were close
friends.
Trouble, according to a
source, started when the trio
allegedly conspired to steal
empty drums, which were
handed over to Ebibofa to
sell and bring the proceeds
for sharing.
The source added, "After
Ebibofa had sold the drums,
he refused to share the boo-
ty with his friends, a devel-
opment which angered Del-
ta and Emmanuel, thereby
encouraging them to hatch
a plot to kill him."
Ebibofa was reportedly
lured by his two aggrieved
friends to a nearby bush,
where he was tied to a tree
and stabbed to death.
It was gathered that on get-
ting the news of his son's
death, Ibibi assembled
some youths to search for
Delta and Emmanuel.
"Ibibi recruited some youths

who went in search of the al-
leged assailants. They found
them and brought them to
him but he ordered the mob
to stab them to death. One
of the boys died on the spot
but the other one later gave
up the ghost", the source
said.
Residents of Gbarain com-
munity were said to have in-
vited the police to arrest Ibi-
bi, who, after interrogation at
Amassoma police station,
confessed that he ordered
the execution of the two boys
to avenge the killing of his
son.
Contacted, the Bayelsa
State Police Public Relations
Officer, Mr. Eguavoen
Emokpae, ASP, confirmed the
incident, saying investiga-
tion was on-going.
"The man has been arrested
and he is making useful
statements. The matter is
under investigations", he
said.

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