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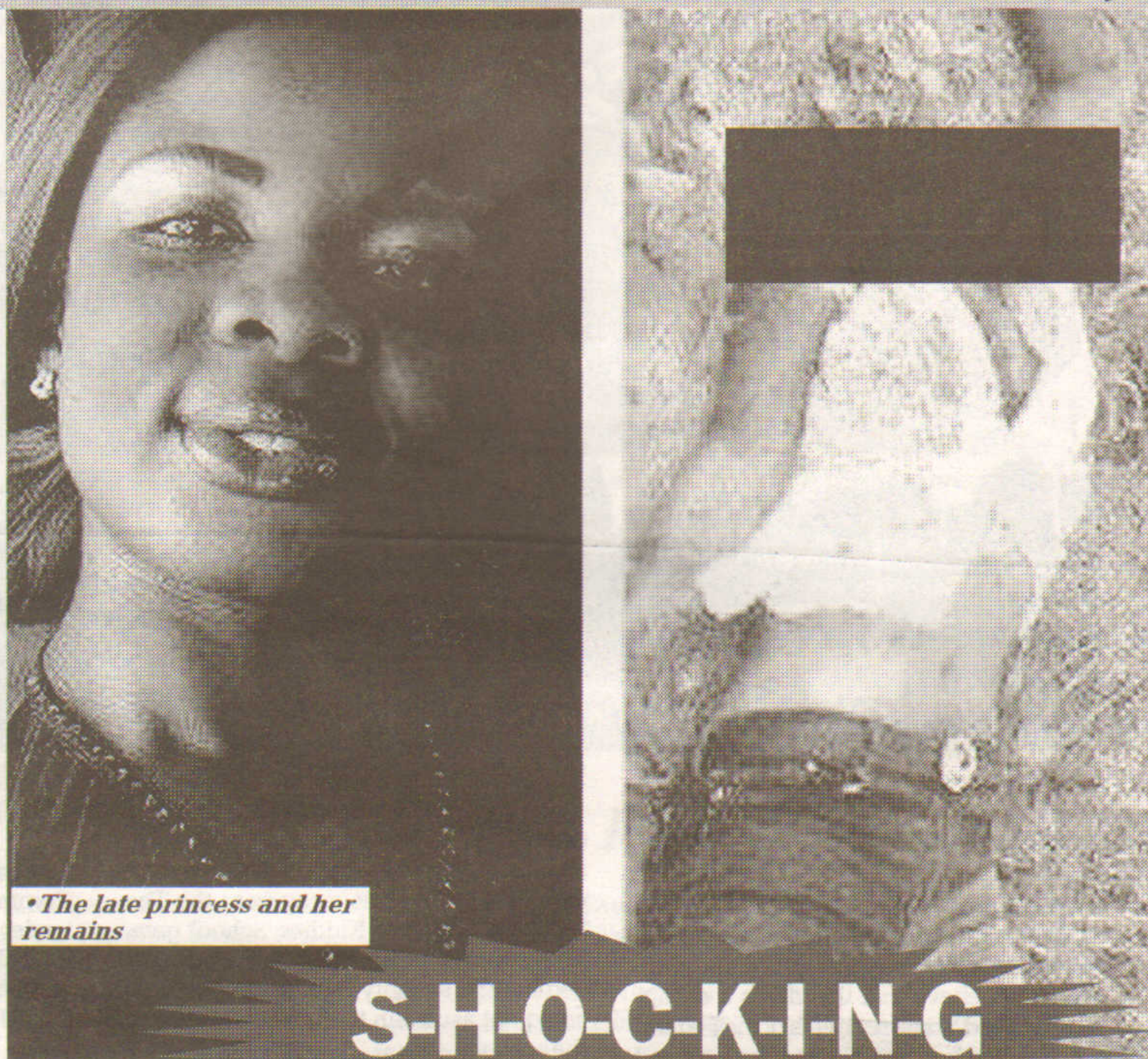
TENSION is high in Adadama town, Abi Local government Area of Cross River State, following the beheading of a 26-year-old Princess Ename Ikor Addu, by a group of people suspected to have come from Ebonyi state last week. The princess, said to be a Youth Corper serving in Anambra State, was said to be returning back to Anambra State when she was attacked by a group of people along Adadama road which leads to Abeomege in Ebonyi State around 5.30 am on May 1st, 2014.

Crime Alert gathered that the unsuspecting princess was on a commercial motorcycle going to Abaomege to board a bus to Abakiliki enroute Anambra when they met a road block. It was learnt that when the motorcyclist got to the road block, he slowed down thinking they were members of a vigilante group in the area.

Vigilante group

Eyewitness account said a group of boys wielding dangerous weapons including locally-made guns emerged and accosted them. They reportedly shot the motorcyclist but their bullet did not penetrate. They allegedly pounced on the youth corper and beheaded her with a sharp cutlass after which they took the motorcyclist to an unknown destination.

Some villagers who refused to be named intimated Crime Alert that the following day, when the people of Adadama went on a search mission after discovering that their Princess was gruesomely beheaded, they also discovered the strangled body of



• The late princess and her remains

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Female corps member beheaded at dawn in Ebonyi State

• Youths in CR state spoil for war

the motorcyclist inside a bush where he was also clubbed to death by the assailants. They reported the incident at Abi Local Government police station

where a team of Policemen and military men were swiftly drafted to the spot. It was learnt that they subsequently removed the bodies to Adadama town, where

both the youths and leaders of thought in the town held meetings for hours with a view

to finding out who beheaded the princess.

A youth leader in the area, Edu Samuel Enya, 40, told Crime Alert, "The situation is very, terrible. The girl was ambushed and beheaded by the people of Ebonyi state. The situation has caused us a lot of problems and fear has pervaded the entire town. Our children are no longer going to school for fear of being killed. We reported the matter to the police, SSS and the military men after which we buried her. They have been attacking us with sophisticated weapons and we have nothing to retaliate. We have lost over 30 of our sons and daughters so far and government should come to our rescue. On our part, we have been trying to calm the youths who are battle ready for revenge."

A reliable source intimated Crime Alert that there has been a lingering crisis between the people of Adadama and Amagwu in Ebonyi state leading to clashes that led to the death of many people from both towns.

It was also learnt that both Ebonyi and Cross Rivers State Governors met over the crisis and later complained to the Federal Government leading to the erection of a police post at the disputed land. Unfortunately, the police post was later destroyed and burnt down by youths suspected to be from Amagwu town.

Since then, the problem has continued to escalate leading to the deployment of soldiers and policemen to the area yet, the crisis continued. Efforts made to speak with the father of the victim and elders in both towns failed as they were all said to have been summoned by police authorities over the ugly incident.