

Ndokwa gunshot victim dies

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IBREDE — ONE of the three persons shot during last Thursday's invasion of Ibrede community in Ndokwa East Local Government Area, Delta State, Mr Favour Ogbere, is dead.

Ogbere, shot on the waist, died on Monday evening at a private hospital in Ughelli, where he was rushed to for medical attention as a result of injuries he sustained, three days after the incident.

He was an usher at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church, Ibrede and was heading to the church when he was reportedly shot.

The victims and villagers alleged they were shot by the police, who stormed the community, in the early hours of last Thursday, but the police vehemently denied the allegation.

State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, told *Vanguard*, yesterday, that the villagers, who laid ambush for the Police investigating team that visited the town on lawful duty shot at themselves.

Hours before his death, *Vanguard* was at the private clinic to speak with him, but he was in a critical condition, while a medical doctor was battling to save his life.

His kinsman, Ezekiel Ibere, also lying next to him on a hospital bed, said: "I was shot by the police as I was going to the farm."

The third victim, Iwarioka Edhere, who spoke Monday morning to *Vanguard* at Ibrede, also said he was going to morning mass when he was shot.

Before his death, Monday, in Ughelli, Ogbere was first rushed to the hospital in Kwale, but while the third victim were discharged, the deceased and Ezekiel were admitted.