



Native doctor shot dead by vigilante operatives in Anambra

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ONITSHA—A traditional medical practitioner, whose identities are yet to be ascertained, was last weekend shot dead by some vigilante operatives for allegedly possessing some substances suspected to be charms and fresh animal parts.

The incident, which occurred at the Immaculate Heart Sisters' Convent, Nkpor, Idemili North Local Government Area, Anambra State, during the first profession ceremony of 16 new Rev Sisters, caused a stampede as participants at the ceremony scampered for safety when they heard sound of a gun shot and the consequent death of a man after the shooting.

According to the source, trouble started when the victim, on arriving the arena, was refused entry to where the sisters were being professed unless he surrendered himself for a search by the security operatives, but he was reported to have vehemently refused to submit himself for the search.

It was gathered that as he was dragging his bag with the security operatives who insisted on seeing what was contained in it, he abandoned the bag and fled.

Consequently, one of the operatives opened fire and gunned him down as he was trying to run away and he died on the spot.

On searching his bag, five padlocks, some pieces of fresh animal parts wrapped with polythene bags and powdered substances suspected to be charms were found in it.

The operatives quickly alerted the police at Ogidi Division who removed the corpse to a nearby morgue.

Reacting to the development, some of the invitees and reverend sisters said the native doctor might have come on a suicide mission.

Confirming the incident, the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, incharge of Idemili Divisional Police Headquarters, Ogidi, Mr Isa Abubakar, CSP, said the case would soon be transferred to State Investigation and Intelligence Bureau, SIIB, Awka, for further investigations.

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