

# Protesting pipeline vandals kill pregnant woman in Ogun

By Evelyn Usman

**PROTESTING** pipeline vandals went on rampage in Arepo area of Ogun State, shooting a pregnant woman dead.

The vandals, as gathered, were protesting the arrest of one of theirs by security men from Donyx Global Concepts Limited, one of the companies contracted by the Federal Government to secure pipelines in the South-West region.

The company, as gathered, is owned by one of the factional leaders of the Odua Peoples Congress, OPC.

Report has it that officials of Donyx, who acted on tip-off, stormed the creeks Sunday, while vandals were siphoning petroleum products from a pipeline belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, NNPC.

One of them was said to have been arrested, while transporting some of the siphoned product out of the vicinity, while his colleagues bolted on sighting the officials.

A 50-litre jerry can filled with petroleum product was recovered from the suspect.

However, residents of the area were reportedly jolted Wednesday, following sporadic gunshots from the vandals, who stormed the area to continue with the illicit act and at the same time called for the release of their colleague.

In the process, a stray bullet was said to have hit the pregnant woman, killing her on the spot.

A resident of Arepo, (names withheld) said: "There were heavy gunshots from the pipeline area. It lasted for more than 30 minutes. It was like a war theatre, as the vandals

were ready to kill anybody. One woman was killed."

An official of Donyx, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the incident, stating however, that the company was not deterred by the activities of

the pipeline vandals.

"They were protesting the arrest of one of their members by our men and started shooting indiscriminately, which led to the death of a woman and another person injured," the official

said.

Efforts to reach the Ogun State Public Relations Office, Olumuyiwa Odejobi, to ascertain whether any arrest was made failed as his phone rang without response.

## 11-yr-old boy disappears after beating by father

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**LAGOS**—THE Adekunle family in Onipanu area of Lagos State has raised alarm, following the disappearance of their 11-year-old son, Marvellous Adekunle on Wednesday.

Marvelous, a Junior Secondary School 1 student, reportedly disappeared from his parents' home on Matanmi Street, Onipanu at 6.30a.m.

*Vanguard* gathered that the boy, an only child, had been wearing a long face since Monday, after he was beaten by his father, Festus, for taking his laptop to school.

It was gathered that he was washing dishes outside, while his father was taking his bath, preparatory to leaving the house with his son.

However, when he came out of the bathroom, Marvellous was gone.

The man was said to have left the house, apparently thinking that his son would later return home to prepare for school, an act he was said to be known for.

However, when his father called home later, he was informed that Marvellous had not returned. It was learned that when his mother was contacted in Abeokuta, Ogun State, she reportedly told her husband not to bother that their son would return home.

She was said to have



*Missing Marvellous.*

informed that Marvellous had at one time strayed from home and returned after some days.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, a relation, Moses Ekundayo, said: "We have reported the incident to Policemen at

Alakara.

"Marvellous had been staying with his father for about one year, after leaving his mother who is working in Abeokuta. His father was transferred from Ogun State to Lagos."