

# News

## Policeman kills 2 women at Edo funeral

●It's accidental discharge —POLICE

By Simon Ebegbulem

**B**ENIN CITY—THERE was pandemonium at Fugar, Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State last Saturday as a police officer attached to a traditional ruler shot two women dead during a burial ceremony.

The deceased were identified as Sandra Imakhu, said to have a two-month-old baby on her back, and Aishitu Aliyu, who came from a neighbouring village to assist her friend who was burying her father.

The tragic incident occurred at the burial of one Chief Etu, said to be a retired headmaster in the community.

Vanguard was told that the incident occurred when the traditional ruler (names withheld) was leaving the burial premises, the officers said to be from the Auchi Area Command shot in the air.

Unfortunately, one of the officers, identified as Corporal Christopher Aliu, shot in the direction of the women and they both died immediately.

However, the two-month-old baby survived.

The incident caused pandemonium in the area as angry youths attempted to lynch the

policemen but for the quick intervention of chairman of the LGA, Mr Emmanuel Momoh, which saved the situation.

Vanguard learned that the matter has been reported to the state governor, Comrade

Adams Oshiomhole, and Commissioner of Police, Samuel Adegbuyi.

When contacted, the Police Commissioner described the incident as shocking, attributing it to accidental discharge.

He disclosed that the officer has been arrested, while investigation was ongoing.

Adegbuyi, who had earlier warned police officers in the state against unprofessional conduct, assured that the matter would be dealt with accordingly.



**THAT WE GET THERE:** An overloaded 911 lorry with goods and passengers on Lagos-Ore Expressway. Photo: Wunmi Akinola.

## 29-year-old security guard nabbed for rape

By Esther Onyegbula

**L**AGOS—THE police in Lagos have arrested a 29-year-old security guard, identified as Kayode Simon, for allegedly raping a young lady at Owodunni Street, Oworonshoki.

It was gathered that Kayode reportedly had carnal knowledge of the 27-year-old victim (names withheld) without her consent.

Vanguard learned that the victim was returning home from a nearby street after buying candle when she was attacked by Kayode who was on night duty.

Recounting her ordeal, the victim said: "At about 11 pm, I was on my way back from where I had gone to buy candle from the next street because there was power failure when he attacked me.

"Several attempts I made to escape were futile as he attacked me.

"It was while I was attempting to escape that he gave me a blow on my forehead. He delayed me

## Motorcyclist crushed 3 injured in Bauchi auto crash