

4-month-old baby, mother, 2 others drown in Delta boat mishap

By Ochuko Akuopha

OLEH—IGBIDE community, Isoko South Local Council of Delta State was Wednesday, thrown into mourning, as four persons, including a nursing mother and her four-month-old baby drowned in a boat mishap.

A female passenger in the boat was, however, the only survivor of the incident.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased were on their way from their farm situated at the other side of the community's river Wednesday evening when their boat that was loaded with cassava, capsized.

Sources said the nursing mother who was in her mid 30s and the others, had gone to their farm, which was being overtaken by flood to harvest their cassava.

"A boy in the boat was bailing water from the boat and the calabash with which he was doing that fell from his hand and in the process

of trying to retrieve it the boat capsized," the source who sought anonymity said.

The source added that local divers in the community

rescued one of the female passengers and retrieved the corpses of the dead. He added that the corpse of the baby had not been found.

Man, 72, docked for defiling 11-year-old girl

By Simon Ebegbulem

BENIN CITY—THE Edo State Police Command, yesterday, arraigned a 72-year-old man, Mr. Solomon Ugiagbe, before the Egor Magistrate's Court, in Benin, for allegedly defiling an 11-year-old girl.

Ugiagbe, was arraigned on a one-count charge bordering on unlawful carnal knowledge. *Vanguard* learned

that the accused person, said to be a grandfather, committed the offence on November 13, 2014, at 72, Okungbowa Street, in Egor Local Council of the state.

The matter was reported at the State Criminal Investigation Department, in Benin City.

The offence, according to the police prosecutor, contravened Section 218 of the Criminal

Code, Cap 48 Vol. II, Laws of the defunct Bendel State of Nigeria 1976, as applicable in Edo State.

However, the accused person pleaded not guilty and urged the court to grant bail. The presiding magistrate, W. Aziegbemhin, granted bail in the sum of N50,000 and adjourned the case to October 5, 2015.