

Man slumps, dies of drug overdose in Delta

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● Accidental discharge kills 3; 2 die in youths clashes

1 **ABRAKA**—AN unidentified man in Abraka community, Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State was, weekend, confirmed dead after allegedly ingesting an overdose of Tramadol.

It was gathered that the deceased, who is in his mid 20s, has been a regular user of the drug.

He was said to have slumped in front of his shop along the Abraka/Eku Expressway, Abraka, before he was rushed to the hospital where he died.

2 Also at the weekend, three partygoers were killed when the gun of a member of Otokutu vigilante outfit went off during a burial reception at Otokutu community, Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State.

Sources at the event said the vigilante member, who was said to be under the influence of alcohol, had failed to place his pump action rifle on safety mode when it suddenly went off.

3 This is just as two persons have

been confirmed dead, while another was arrested in Oywor community, Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State, following last Wednesday's clash by youths from the community.

Sources from the community told *Vanguard* that a group of youths from the community were said to have launched a reprisal attack following a suspected cult-related attack on the first victim.

Tramadol overdose

Confirming the Tramadol overdose death to *Vanguard*, a medical staff of the General Hospital, Abraka, where the victim was rushed to for medical attention, explained that he was rushed to the hospital half-dead in a commercial tricycle, popularly known as *Keke*.

The medic, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "Those who rushed him to the hospital said after taking the drug, he started vomiting, went into a sudden seizure after which he slumped and started foaming

from his mouth.

"He was brought in too late, as he had already gone into coma and was confirmed dead on arrival."

When newsmen visited the hospital, the deceased was seen lying lifeless inside the tricycle that was used in conveying him to the hospital.

Vigilante accidental discharge

On the accidental discharge deaths, the incident disrupted the event, as dignitaries at the event ran for cover.

Two of the victims—James Efemine and Sharp Omosohwofa—are members of the Eyerikugbe Social Club, while the third victim, whose identity could not be ascertained at press time, was until his death, a fish seller at the Agbarho Market.

Scores of persons sustained various degrees of injuries as a result of the melee that ensued, while others sustained

various degrees of injuries from shrapnel. The unidentified vigilante member and his colleagues were said to have fled the venue.

Confirming the incident, DSP Aniamaka, explained that the incident is under investigation.

His words: "The vigilante chairman in the area has already given his statement on the incident, but investigation into the matter is ongoing to know what line of action to take."

Youths die in attack, counter-attack

On the death of two youths and arrest of one, tension gripped the community over fears of further reprisal attacks by the rampaging youths.

Though reasons for the initial attack was unclear at press time, the first victim, who was stabbed to death, was said to have called out the names of his assailants to persons who came to his aid.

Though efforts to speak with the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Andrew Aniamaka, were