

# 3 killed, female celebrant shot, as gunmen storm birthday party in Delta

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**U**GHELLI— THREE persons reportedly died,

## Waiting game — Survivor

to contain the disease.

Abayomi said residents should adhere strictly to directives and practise social distancing.

The tweets read: "Discharge of 5 #COVID19 patients following their full recovery shows that #COVID19 infection is not a death sentence but just a waiting game" according to one of the discharged patient."

"@followlasg #Covid-19 @LSMOH, therefore, inform Lagos residents that notwithstanding the progress so far, it is not yet business as usual.

'All Lagos residents are expected to strictly adhere to lockdown order

weekend, at a birthday party held in a drinking parlour in Uvwiam-Agbarho, Ughelli North Local Government

and maintain social distancing rule with diligence #ForAGreaterLagos."

Earlier, the Commissioner explained that all confirmed cases are clinically stable, adding that 70 per cent of the cases are males while 30 per cent are females.

Giving insight into the cases in Lagos so far, he said: "16 per cent of the case is foreign nationals while 84 per cent are Nigerians. While numbers of imported cases stood at 89 per cent of total confirmed cases, 16 per cent of the cases are contracted from imported cases, while the origin of two per cent of the cases couldn't be ascertained.

Area of Delta State.

It was gathered that the death was as a result of a fallout between two rival cult gangs in the community.

A source disclosed that the victims, Power Egboro, Edafe Amorighaoye and Temo, were at the drinking joint where a birthday was being celebrated when a melee ensued.

He said: "An argument ensued among some of the guys at the venue, before we knew what was happening, some of the guys had gone to reinforce.

"They returned to the bar and started shooting into the gathering. In the process, some persons were shot, including the celebrant who was shot on the leg.

"One of the boys died on the

spot while two others died on their way to the hospital while four others, who sustained injuries from the gunshot, were rushed to a private hospital in Agbarho."

The state Police Commissioner, Mr Hafiz Inuwa, yesterday, confirmed the death of the three persons in the shoot-out.

Describing the incident as unfortunate, the CP said: "It occurred when some hoodlums came and opened fire into a group of people, which led to the death of about three people. We are still collaborating with well-meaning members of the area to unmask these perpetrators so that they will face the full wrath of the law."