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**UGHELLI—TRAGEDY** struck in Ozoro, headquarters of Isoko North Local Government Area of Delta State, as a yet-to-be-named trigger-happy police officer shot dead a youth said to be a 100-level student of the Delta State University of Science and Technology.

The victim identified as Emeka

Odogwu, 17, was shot on his head by a trigger-happy police officer on December 6, 2024, over incident involving shooting fireworks.

In an ensuing argument, the policeman reportedly corked his rifle, and fired at close range the youth on his head, killing him instantly.

A police source in Ozoro said the Area Commander, Ozoro, Mr Zakari

Mohammed on hearing the sad news ordered the arrest and detention of the erring police officer.

The police source, however, denied that the victim was a student.

"The boy is from Ndokwa but he is not a student of the school. The parents have come to give statements."

Delta State Police Command

Public Relations Officer, Mr. Bright Edafe, who confirmed the incident said: "Confirmed and the police man has been identified and detained."

Another police source told Vanguard that the trigger-happy police officer would be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for appropriate action.

The incident was said to

heightened tension in the University town with many complaining about the unprofessional conduct of many junior police officers.

A human rights activist, Victor Oje, decried the incessant killing of civilians in Delta State.

According to him, "Earlier, on November 1, Delta Hawk shot a Nollywood cameraman by name Don Oneopara, causing severe injuries, yet no medical bills were paid.

"Weeks ago, a young Asaba man died from a head injury the police claimed was caused by running into a wall which we all know is arguable. We can bet that by next week, another youth will be killed," he said.

As at press time, it could not be confirmed if the policeman had been taken to the SCID.

## Navy deploys warships, helicopters to boost oil production in N-Delta

By Daniel Abia

**PORT HARCOURT—** COMMITTED to securing the maritime borders of the country, the Nigerian Navy has deployed 15

"There has also been a rise in oil production as several companies have reported 100 percent terminal factor. In collaboration with relevant

agencies, we will continue to make efforts to ensure increased crude oil production."

Ogalla commended President

Bola Tinubu for his unflinching support to the Nigerian Navy, the Minister of Defence and Minister of State for Defence for their guidance and support to the Navy and also, applauded Governor Siminalayi Fubara of Rivers State for his support.

