

Group in rivers condemns killing of driver

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The Leadership of the Niger Delta Coalition Against Violence (NDCAV), a non-governmental organization (NGO), has condemned the killing of a driver, Mr. Kenneth Osuagwu by an armed mobile police officer in Port Harcourt over a traffic offence.

The body described the killing of Mr. Osuagwu as barbaric and wicked, called on the authority of the Nigeria Police Force to punish the officer that committed the murder of the driver as deterrents to other overzealous police men..

In a statement signed by the President of NDCAV, Mr. Lekia Christian, and issued to our correspondent in the state capital, NDCAV charge the police authorities to ensure that justice is done in order not to erode public confidence in the police institution.

The victim, our reporter gathered died instantly after been shot by the overzealous police officer over a minor traffic offence along Ada-George Road in the metropolis last weekend, just as the command had arrested the officer that killed the driver.

The deceased witness

corpse was begging for removal from the members of the public as he died in his pool of blood even as the officer escaped arrest earlier.

NDCAV called on the police authority in the country to educate and enlighten their officers on the use of fire arms while dealing with the members of the public that the police are suppose to protect their lives, especially the helpless civilians.

According to the statement, "police should evolve an effective monitory and regulatory policy that would guide against the rebirth of such unfortunate incident in the future".

The body lauded the Police Public Relations Officer PPRO, Rivers Command, Mrs. Rita Abbey, (DSP) for her apology to the family of the deceased, saying that the arrest of the overzealous officer by the command shows a demonstration of its institution sense of responsibility.

The deceased family, the statement added should not take laws into their hands, but should employ judicial means in their pursuit of justice over the untimely slain of son and husband by the police officer.