

# Killings: MOSOP accuses Shell of duplicity

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**M**OVEMENT for the Survival of the Ogoni People MOSOP has accused Shell Petroleum Development Company SPDC of sponsoring the killings of two Ogonis in K-Dere community and the missing of four others.

MOSOP gave the names of the victims as Chief Zorgbaa Taoh reportedly attacked and killed whilst a deep machete cut was inflicted on the left knee of Mr. Bari-npop Atedi Bealo and was treated at Dumkil, a local clinic at Kpor, headquarters of Gokana Local Government Council.

MOSOP also accused SPDC of hiring thugs and arming them with sophisticated weapons to cause mayhem in the Ogoni community alleging that over 70 militia groups were hired to destroy the land.

A statement signed by MOSOP information officer, Mr. Bari-ara Kpalap and

copied to our correspondent in Port Harcourt, MOSOP said one Mr. Burabari Friday Paago was killed while four others have been declared missing.

The attack in K-Dere community, the statement said sparked off on Tuesday where terrors were unleashed and over twenty persons sustained severed injurious as gunmen invaded the area.

The MOSOP statement declared the victims of the attacks as "law abiding citizens from going about their normal businesses including farming. As if all these were not enough, they returned in the night tortured and extorted money from innocent village"

The Information Officer said the militants numbering about 70 and led by Ledee Clinton Zormaol, Batom Namon, Tombari Kuru, Babarina-or Deelo, Victor Dokara, Monday Sunday Popkoo and Bariara Zormaa Tooto shot indiscriminately

and especially targeted perceived enemies of Shell in the community.

MOSOP also claimed that five victims including Chief Zorgbaa Taoh were reportedly violently attacked and killed whilst a deep machete cut was inflicted on the left knee of Mr. Bari-npop Atedi Bealo and was treated at Dumkil, a local clinic at Kpor, headquarters of Gokana Local Government Council.

The statement also insisted that several Ogoni women including Mrs. Nmaa Nkua and Madam Leemabari Kpenu, member and Secretary, Kegbara Dere Women's Associations (KEDWA) respectively were savagely raped and tortured.

MOSOP also alleged that the family of MOSOP President, Mr. Ledum Mittee was vandalized. Other damaged houses include those of Messrs. Clement Badom, Pene Giahen and Chief Miibekee Deetogo.

"The only offence of the victims is the perception that they are opponents of Shell whose script is being acted. Although the incidents aforesaid have been reported to the security apparatus in the area and beyond, none of the culprits has been arrested". The statement quoted MOSOP saying that unprovoked violence and killings in the community since September 9, 2008 as gravely appalling. Similarly, MOSOP is deeply outraged at reports indicating that Shell hired helicopters had several times flown over Kegbara Dere at unusual and concerned levels and immediately after, the outlaws struck, suggesting that it was providing surveillance cover in aid of the "MOSOP is pained that since 1993, the Ogoni people have been at the receiving end due to Shell's barbaric and bloody responses to our legitimate campaign for justice.