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• **Family demands justice over murder of a 73-year-old man**

THE blood of 73-year-old Chief Sunday Osune Nwaka, murdered in his village at Mputu, which is about 15 kilometres away from Onitsha, Anambra State, is crying for justice.

Nwaka was murdered on Sunday, September 22, 2013. Before he was knifed to death, the septuagenarian was the Odua of Mputu, a titled chief and patriarch of Okwuwa. He was second-in-command to the royalty.

According to relatives, he was killed by people suspected to be in the tussle for the traditional stool of the land. Some suspects, including one of his sons, are currently being quizzed by police authorities at the Police Zonal Headquarters in Umuahia.

However, his son, John Nwaka, who lives in Lagos, has called on the police to unearth the mystery behind his father's death. "We want justice in the death of my father. The police should ensure that the culprits are brought to book.

"We learnt that money is exchanging hands in Awka and Umuahia, but we are sure the police will not compromise. It is a state crime, so all those arrested should be investigated and those found culpable in the death should serve their punishment. Anyone who does not know anything about it should be set free."

He continued: "Before his death, one of my half brothers had repeatedly threatened he would kill my father. He once threatened that my father would not see the end of the year. The way he died shocked all of us. A sharp object like a knife was used on his neck. We just found his lifeless body by the riverside.

"They used water hyacinth to cover his body after killing him. They wanted water to carry the body away but we were lucky to have found the corpse. The whole thing was caused by disagreement in the kingship of the land. Our cry now is justice," he said.

Nwaka's village, Mputu is an agrarian community in Ogbaru Local Council of Anambra State.

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