

Fear Grips Delta Community Over Murder, Marches Against Kidnapping

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FEAR has gripped the residents of Ogwashi Uku, Aniocha South Local Council of Delta State following the tragic death of a housewife who was brutally murdered by her pastor husband. The assailant, Pastor Michael Andrew Chukwuemeke, 54 was reported to have attacked Ifeoma Rosemary, his 40-year old primary school teacher wife last Tuesday night with an object suspected to be a hammer while asleep and immediately escaped in a bid to avoid arrest by the police.

In detention, he however, denied having a hand in the deed, telling the police that some armed robbers who raided their house in Umudei neighbourhood on the fateful night killed the wife while he managed to escape.

The police, however, disagreed with the man of God, insisting after a thorough check that no robbery incident took place at Umudei Quarters on that particular night.

A neighbour who would not want his name in print disclosed that lately things have fallen apart between the clergyman and his wife, a situation, which reportedly made the church authority to try in vain severally to settle them.

Delta Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Celestine Kalu said that investigation was still on and assured that the suspect will be arraigned in court at the end.

Meanwhile, as part of activities marking this year's Easter celebrations, sons and daughters of Ogwashi-Uku will today march against kidnapping, which has become a common feature of the country in recent times.

The march and eventual rally for a new beginning in the town will begin at 8am. The rally is an initiative of the Ogwashi-Uku Development Union (ODU), Port Harcourt Branch.

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