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Police kill human rights ac



Warri, Delta state

A human rights activist and member of the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights (CDHR), Comrade Christian Njoku, has been allegedly shot and killed by policemen attached to the Ekpan police division in Delta State.

According to the Delta State police spokesman, Andrew Aniamaka, the deceased was a member of a four-man robbery gang and was killed on Jakpa Road, Effurun, on Monday night at about 9:30p.m. during a shootout with policemen on patrol.

But angry members of CDHR who protested against the killing of Njoku in Warri yesterday, said the deceased was not a robber but a responsible businessman and member of the group and had never been involved in any criminal incident in the past.



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June 18, and discovered that there was no man who was killed.

He said the deceased was murdered in cold blood and he was shot on the chest for simply arguing with them.

He said: "We asked, who brought the body to the mortuary attendants said the body was brought in without any particulars.

We met the DPO of Ekpan police station, who told us there was a report of exchange of gunfire by policemen and four armed robbers.

We looked at the car that the four men were driving in, there was no blood stain anywhere, neither were there bullet holes in the car, so how come the police said the unarmed men exchanged gunfire with them.

"We wrote a petition to the Commissioner of Police, he said the matter would be investigated.

We have realized that the police in Delta are always attacking our members because of our regular public campaign that no one should pay money for bail.

We will continue to preach that bail is free.

"The police also have been threatening me that any time they meet me in a quiet place they will kill me. We want a proper investigation of this lawless and dastardly murder and the police killers should be fished out and brought to book.

Nigerian police that are paid to protect citizens are now killing citizens.

The police now kill innocent people and put weapons on them that they are armed robbers.

The police must work within the ambit of the law. We will continue to preach that bail is free," the CDHR chairman said.

Taiga added that three weeks ago, a member of the body was also shot at Udu, saying the incident of unprovoked shooting by the police in Delta was on the increase and if not checked could snowball into something deadly.

He appealed to the Inspector General of Police to wade into the matter and order a proper investigation saying the Delta police command had almost succeeded in sweeping all the evidence incriminating them away including asking the mortuary officials to stitch up the bullet wound and hid the spot.

However, the state police spokesman, Andrew Aniamaka, said it was a case of armed robbery, that there was an exchange of gunfire during which the deceased was shot and died on the way to hospital.

He said: "On Monday, June 18, at about 9:30p.m. while along Jakpa Road, patrol team intercepted one Toyota Solara car, black coloured with registration number LSD 561 BC

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One cut-to-size locally-made double barrel gun, two life cartridges, and one Infinix phone were recovered from him.

The body has been deposited at the Warri Central Hospital. Investigation is in progress to track down the fleeing hoodlums,” he said.

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