
Family of man killed in plantation seeks IGP, Edo govt intervention

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The family of 38-year-old Matthew Akioyamen, who was killed in a farm plantation in Edo State has called on the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mohammed Adamu, and Edo State Government to order a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to the gruesome murder of their breadwinner.

Alleging that he was killed with several machete cuts in Okomu Oil Farm Extension in Uhunmwonde Council, the distraught family spokesman, Ohioma George, insisted the late Matthew was dastardly murdered in his workplace, adding that he was employed in 2015 and was given accommodation and a motorbike to do his work at farm until his death.

“On that fateful day of December 2, last year, he went out and he never returned to his house in the company. Efforts were made to look for him and eventually, he was found dead with machete cuts over his body,” George said.

But spokesman of Okomu Oil, Mr. Fidelis Olise, said the deceased was not its staff, saying: “It is very clear he does not work with Okomu and I am aware that the company is already working on what they need to do.”

He worked for a certain company.

“We sympathise with the wife for losing her husband, but we do not work with emotions and sentiments. I am aware his company has been cooperating with the Police on the investigation and they even paid for an autopsy, which was supposed to be conducted.

“It is the duty of the Police to do a thorough investigation and the Police are investigating.”

State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Chidi Nwabuzor, said seven persons have been arrested over the matter and that investigation is still ongoing.