Community protests alleged killing of farmer by herdsmen in Delta

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OUTHS of Onicha-Ugbo. Aniocha North Local Council of Delta State, yesterday, protested the killing of a young farmer, Ifeanyi Michael Isebor, by suspected herdsmen.

The youths, who came out in large numbers, carried placards with different inscriptions, along the Asaba/Benin Expressway and the Onicha-Ugbo/Abuja Expressway, demanding a thorough investigation into the killing.

Addressing the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Issele-Uku, who came to calm them, the youths described -the deceased as one of the biggest and most commit-



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ted farmers in the area. Isebor was reportedly shot in his farm and left in a pool of his blood, even as the pothe matter.

One of the youths and a former aide to ex-Governor Ifeanyi Okowa on students' affairs, Francis Osedume, urged the police to ensure justice is served.

He said: "The killing of this young man should not be swept under the carpet. He was a great farmer and one of the young people in this town who are into largescale farming. He cultivates onions, tomatoes and other food produce. We will not relent until those who killed him in the bush are fished out."

While pacifying the protesters, Chukwudi Izegbua, a community leader and forlice revealed that they have mer top aide to Okowa, begun an investigation into wrote: "Dear Onicha-Ugbo youths, I am deeply impressed by the peaceful protest you organised in response to the gruesome murder of Ifeanyi Isebor from Ushi Quarters, Ishiekpe Village."