

Outrage as Bayelsa youths stab final-year student to death over N150

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THERE was outrage at the university host community of Amassoma, Southern Ijaw Local Council of Bayelsa State, as youths stabbed to death a final-year student of the Niger Delta University (NDU) over N150 on Monday.

The Guardian learnt that the victim, Francis Palowei, was at the Sand Dump, a popular spot among the students for relaxation and socialising when some youths of the area, stormed the place to demand N150 from the deceased, and when he failed to give them, they attacked and

stabbed him to death.

Palowei, who hailed from Obrigbene community in Ekeremor Local Council of Bayelsa State, was expected to graduate on Wednesday, July 24, when the university will hold its next convocation.

It was gathered that some angry students and men of the Nigerian Police Force had gone into the community and started searching for the perpetrators.

According to sources, students of the institution have also joined in the search for the perpetrators while the



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shock of the incident made some students shun classes.

Public Relations Officer of

Niger Delta University, Indoni Engezi, who confirmed the incident, told *The Guardian* that the incident did not affect academic activity as "the university is a different community".

Engezi said the issue affected the host community, Amassoma, and that the police were already on top of the situation.

According to him, the owner of Sand Dump does not charge any fees for using the premises, but some youths usually charge N150 for anyone who wants to use the premises.

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