

Tension In Abia Community Over Murder Of Youth

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Imminent breakdown of law and order is looming in Amakama Community of Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State, following the gruesome murder of 25-year-old Chinagorom Ndubuisi from Nkpuke Amakama.

The deceased, *Daily Independent* learnt, was purportedly shot dead by his father, Chijioke Nwabuisi, with the aid of two policemen.

Reports from the area said there is palpable tension, as women groups and youths had, at different occasions, held peaceful demonstrations at the Ubakala divisional police office

Celebration, Encomiums In Imo Over Mbadiwe's Award

A royal father and local government secretaries of PDP in Imo state were among hundreds of people who on Monday eulogized President Olusegun Obasanjo for awarding a national honour to Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe.

Ambassador Mbadiwe, Chairman, Board of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) was among Nigerians honoured last Sunday by the president as part of activities to mark the nation's 46th independence anniversary.

While Eze Ndubuisi K. Kanu, traditional ruler of Arondizuogu, home of the Mbadiwes saw the honour as a reward for hard work; the secretaries said it was in recognition of Mbadiwe's leadership qualities over the years.

"I want to say that the president has done it right because Ambassador Greg Mbadiwe has really worked for the country both as an ambassador and a delegate to the confab. So it is a very good compensation", Kanu declared.

The award, which triggered off celebration in Chief Mbadiwe's home, saw the secretaries from the 27 local government areas of Imo state commending the president for "recognising our leader".

Chairman of the secretaries, Mr. Chinedu Uwaegbulam described the award as a sign that the president was appreciative of the contributions of Ambassador Mbadiwe towards the country's growth and development.

He said they were happy to rejoice with him as one of the pillars of PDP in Imo state, and urged him to assist the party win the forthcoming elections.

While welcoming them to his house, Mbadiwe described the national honour as the best thing to have happened in his life, and praised God for using President Obasanjo to accomplish it.

demanding the arrest and prosecution of the two policemen who reportedly aided the dastardly act.

An eyewitness said that the deceased, a popular hunter in the village, had been having heated arguments with his father over his (father's) decision to send his mother packing and bring in another woman into their family house. The second woman was said have also been married with children.

The deceased's insistence that his mother must come back to her matrimonial home, sources stated, did not go down well with his father, who on several occasions warned him to either stop making such demand or follow her mother. However,

hell was let loose when about three weeks ago, the deceased, in defiance of his father's position went and brought back his mother.

Two weeks ago, late Chinagorom was said to have returned from an all-night hunting expedition, when two armed policemen picked him up and led him away to an unknown destination. But as they were going out, the victim reportedly tried to escape when it dawned on him that his life was in danger.

However, his escape bid was said to have earned him a bullet from a dane gun.

His assailants, the report said, fled in different directions while his father was said to have gone

to Ubakala Police Station to report himself.

Since after the killing, the atmosphere in the community had been very tense, as the natives were said to be planning a showdown with the police, if they do not arrest and bring to justice the policemen that allegedly connived with the principal suspect to kill him.

Reports filtering into the town maintained that the two policemen went on the assignment unofficially.

In a telephone interview, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Godwin Chukwuji, described the killing of the youth as strange and insisted that the command had not been briefed on the incident.



Some of the vehicles allegedly recovered from members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB), by men of Anambra State Police Command at Akpaka Forest, Onitsha, recently