

# Enugu Ezike Women Protest Ritual Killings

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Women of Umuogbo Inyi and Inyi communities of Enugu Ezike in Igbo-eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State, at the weekend, protested the incidence of ritual killings in the area.

The women, who tramped out in large numbers in black attires, besieged the Igbo-eze South Local Government Area secretariat, to register their

protest over the development that has created an atmosphere of fear among women in the affected communities.

The protesters who chanted war songs displayed photographs of charred remains of some of the victims of the ritual killers.

They called on the authorities of the council to immediately invite security agencies to investigate the killings, to stem the tide in the area.

The ritual killers who normally perpetrate their nefarious activities in the night have so far slaughtered two married women and two single ladies in a most gruesome manner.

The private parts of the victims were often not found with their body, it was learnt.

The latest of the ritual killings was recorded on February 5, this year, according to findings of the correspondent.

It was learnt that the development has caused a drop in female enrolment in secondary schools in the affected communities, as parents are fearful that they may lose their female wards to the ritual killers, if they send them to school.

A principal of a high school in the area, Mr. T. Omemma, confirmed the development to newsmen, saying that the situation has become worrisome.

Traditional ruler of Inyi

community, *Igwe* Hyacinth Alumona, confirmed that cases of ritual killings have been recorded in the area.

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the area, Ahmed Abdulahi, said that cases of ritual killings including the latest incident had been reported to his office.

Abdulahi assured that the police would uncover the people who are behind the dastard act and bring them to book accordingly, within the shortest possible time.

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