

Alleged Killing Of 19- Yr-Old: Ebonyi Community Seeks IGP, FG Intervention




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As controversy trail alleged killing of a 19-year old boy in Ebonyi, the people of Ebiri and Nguzu autonomous community in Nguzu Edda, Afikpo South LGA of Ebonyi have called for immediate intervention the Federal Government through the Inspector General of Police (IGP).

It is their firm belief that such intervention will unravel order the alleged killing of Chidi Oji Arua , a 19-year-old boy whose death has mystified residents of the community

David Olughu Ibiam, a member of the family, made the call in a statement on Friday noting regrettably that no arrest had been made, one week after the sad incident.

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Ibiam alleged that the deceased was shot by the Afikpo South Council Chairman, Hon. Eni Uduma Chima.

He said that the intervention of Federal Government and the International community had become necessary as the body of the slain boy had not been released to the family in spite of official report made at Nguzu police post.

David alleged that Hon. Eni Uduma Chima after shooting the victim refused to release his corpse.

“The series of events that brought about the unleashing of the present siege and banditry on Nguzu community started after Gov. David Umahi’s broadcast banning burials, wedding ceremonies and all activities that run contrary to social distancing principle.

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“The governor’s broadcast was necessary to stem the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and the Eze-in-Council ensured strict compliance with the directive; local medium of information adequately disseminated the information and also ensured that no family contravened the directive.

“Little wonder, there was no gathering for burials throughout the length and breadth of the community as families that could not postponed their burials only solemnly and quietly put away their deceased member,” he said.

According to Ibiam the LG Chairman (Chima), constituted his boys into a taskforce to ensure people comply with the government directive.

Ibiam accused the purported taskforce of abusing the rights of the people which in turn led to the crisis that erupted right inside his compound.

He noted that a good number of Nguzu people sustained injury from gunshots, while the 19-year-old Chidi Oji was shot dead and carried away by the taskforce, led by the LG Chairman.

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“Having stirred the crisis, the taskforce members rushed back to their leader, Hon. Chima who was already stationed at the Ekoli Joint Hospital with his squad.

“They stormed Nguzu in two vehicles, and vigorously attacked the premises of Hon. Nkemka Okoro Onuma shooting persistently and intensively.

“They came out of Nkemka’s premises and continued to shoot heavily and sporadically which necessitated the people to scamper for safety.

“As the shooting was going on, Hon. Eni Uduma Chima sat back in one of the vehicles and watched his boys attack the peaceful community and thereafter involved some soldiers and policemen to assist him cover his trails.”

Ibiam pleaded with government to ensure justice was served to deter people from taking the into their hands