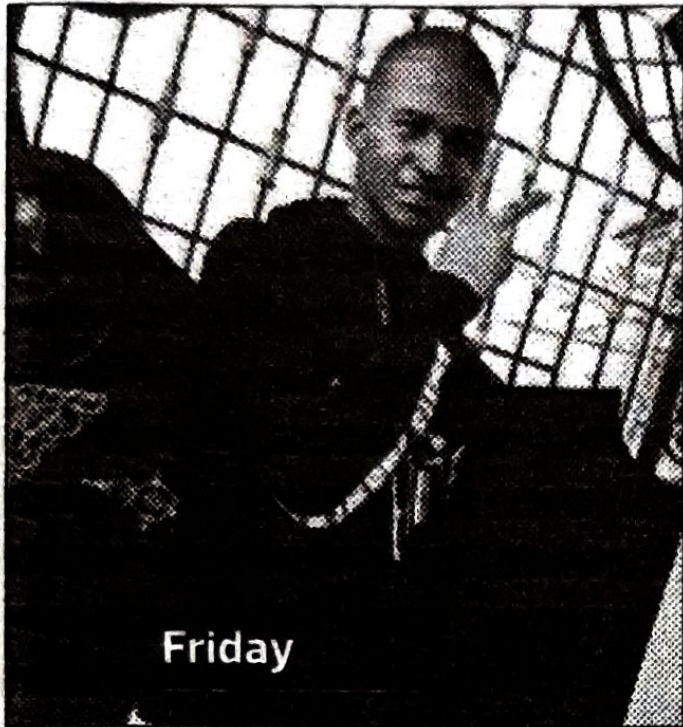


Ebem Ohafia Youths Free Detainees As Killer Officer Is Revealed



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Youths from Ebem Ohafia, in Abia State, at the weekend invaded the police barrack at the community and chased away all officers on duty, even as they released all detainees at the police cell.

Speaking to DAILY INDEPENDENT on phone, a motorcyclist from the town, one Kalu Okwara, said the action was taken because most of the detainees were youths from the community who were illegally detained.

"We took the action because some of the boys there are our brothers who were illegally detained because they went out to buy something or were going to farm.

"Tell me, can't we fend for ourselves since government did not provide anything for us since the lockdown," he asked.

It will be recalled that there was mayhem last Saturday after personnel of the Ohafia Police Station shot and killed a youth identified as Innocent Friday.

It has been revealed that the deceased was a trader, who came out to display his wares as his master was still at home.

Daily Independent learnt that the suspected policeman confronted him and threw away his wares which did not go down well with him.

On challenging the cop, he was reportedly slapped and according to a source from the community, he retaliated leading to the officer gunning him down.