

One Killed As Communities Clash Over Land In Delta

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CP Hafiz Mohammed Inuwa, Delta Police Command

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ASABA – Tragedy struck Tuesday as a 30-year-old, Onyinye Onwuka, was shot dead over an alleged land dispute in Obodogwugwu community, Oshimili North Local Government Area, Delta State.

Daily Independent gathered that the victim who hailed from Idigbe- Ocha quarters, Obodogwugwu community, was murdered in a bush by unidentified men.

It was gathered that the deceased and some of his kinsmen went to a disputed land site between Obodogwugwu and Ugbolu to map out roads when trouble started.

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It was revealed that the victim was shot during an altercation with youths suspected to be from Amachai quarters, Ugbolu community.

A community source who requested anonymity said that there had been a lingering land dispute between Obodogwugwu and Ugbolu community which has gone unresolved for several years.

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Meanwhile, the Chairman of Idigbe- Ocha Youths, Mr. Ifeanyi Ijeh, claimed

He said, “Four years ago, the people of Ugbolu took the matter concerning the ownership of the land to court and lost the suit to Idigbe-Ocha quarters, Okpanam.”

When asked, he said he had no clue on why the deceased and some persons went to the land.

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When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Onome On-ovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident, saying that he was killed over land dispute.

She said no one had been arrested in respect to the killing.

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