

Leadership Tussle: Community Leaders Deny Involvement In Killing Of Girl, 15



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ENUGU – The leadership of Onuogba-Nike Development Union in Enugu East Local Government Area of Enugu State has debunked the report of being behind the killing of 15-year-old girl due to leadership tussle in the community.

It was reported by some media organisations (Daily Independent not inclusive) that a 15-year-old girl, Chinagorom Anike, was shot dead following a protracted leadership tussle in the community.

It was reported that the little girl was allegedly killed when a group of thugs loyal to the development union chairman, Chief Emma Ubosi, invaded the compound of her uncle, Chief Emeka Anike, who was opposed to his leadership.

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But addressing a press conference on Sunday in Enugu, the leadership of the union led by Chief Emmanuel Uboshi and Chief Ngwu Onyekachi, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, denied the report, saying that the community had through its General Council passed a vote of confidence in their leadership to continue their second term of four years in office.

Chief Uboshi, said his predecessor, Chief Emeka Anike, who resides in Lagos State on hearing the decision of the General Council, opposed it and launched opposition with some members of the community that the decision would not stand.

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He alleged that because of their pecuniary interest, he sued their leadership to court to revert the decision of the council which according to him is still pending.

He said, “After several interventions, despite the fact the matter is still in court, my leadership agreed to conduct election for peace to reign. The election was subsequently, fixed for March 28, 2020 but was postponed two days to the election by our traditional ruler, Igwe Gabriel Oko, who said postponement was based on state government’s ban on social activities at wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

“On August when the government lifted the ban on social activities, we approached the traditional ruler and Ministry of Rural Development and begged them to come and conduct the election. But our traditional ruler and Chief Anike said they will not accept the Committee they had setup and ratified by the community to conduct the election.

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“The ministry, however, directed us to liaise with the traditional ruler to ratify the committee and revert for the election.”

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