

Edo Community Protests Killing Of Youth Leader, Seeks Obaseki, Oba Of Benin's Intervention



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Gov Godwin Obaseki

Benin- The People of Obagie-Uwafiokun Community in Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State, have called the attention of Mr. Godwin Obaseki, the Edo state governor and the Oba of Benin, Ewuare II to the killing of their youth leader, Mr. Osaheni Osadolor, 44, urging them to intervene so as to bring the killers to book.

Speaking for the traditional ruler of the community during a protest march to the Edo State government house, Benin, His Royal Highness, Ogbeide Asonmwonriri Uwaifiokun, Mr. Prince John Eweka, alleged that the late Osaheni was killed on the instruction of one of the high ranking members of the Edo State House of Assembly over land issue in the community.

He said after Osaheni was killed, the honourable member allegedly mobilised bulldozer to the land in question with the intention of laying claim to it.

“The boy was killed on Saturday, on Sunday, the honorable member, mobilised thugs, bulldozer and some policemen, went to that area and started bulldozing.

“That was when the immediate elder brother of the deceased, went there to go and confront him.

“They got him mercilessly beaten and took him to Ogida Police Station but the Ogida DPO in his wisdom, refused to detain the boy but said that they are already investigating the case of assassination.

“That same day, they shot another person who is currently at the hospital as we speak, that is another member of the community.

“That was why when he came to the Ogida Police Station on Tuesday some boys who were aggrieved, wanted to attack him but we said no, you can’t take the laws into your hands we want to make sure that the Executive governor of the state who cannot stoop so low to do what the number three man in the state is doing, we want to report the matter to him”, he said.

HRH Ogbeide further appealed to Oba of Benin and the state government to wade in and help unravel, and bring the killers of his youth leader to book.

Addressing the aggrieved protesters at the government house, Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of operations, Millar Dantawaye, thanked the people of the community for not taking the laws into their hands but decided to bring the matter before the governor of the state and the Commissioner of Police, Philip Ogbadu for prompt attention.

DCP Dantawaye further assured them of thorough investigation into the case and that those behind the dastardly act will be brought to book as soon as possible