

# One Person Beheaded, Set Ablaze As Ekiugbo/Otor-Iwhreko Crisis In Delta Deepens

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**UGHELLI** – The ongoing crisis between Otor-Iwhreko and Ekiugbo communities in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State over development levy in Ughelli Main Market took a new dimension as one person was reportedly beheaded on Saturday.

It would be recalled that four persons were on Thursday killed over the same crisis as a result of who is legitimately qualified to collect the N100 development levy.

But the crisis deepened on Saturday morning when some hoodlums reportedly beheaded a yet-to-be identified middle-aged man and subsequently set him ablaze around the market area.

Information gathered from reliable sources said the man's killers had thought the deceased was from Ekiugbo until some residents identified him to be an Isoko man when he had already been beheaded and set on fire.

The sources claimed the victim was ambushed and dragged down from a motorcycle that was conveying him to an unknown destination where he was beaten to a pulp before the suspects beheaded him

The incident which occurred two days after four persons were shot dead around the market premises has caused pandemonium in the area as panic-stricken residents scampered for safety.

Market shops in the premises have been under lock and key in compliance with government's directives and fear by traders to avoid being caught in the mayhem.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Bright Edafe, confirmed the incident.