Security Operatives Shoot Sister Of Ebonyi Sun Correspondent Dead

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Agwu, a 27-yearold younger sister of Ebonyi State Correspondent of The Sun, Agwu Chijioke, has been shot dead by security operatives.

The incident, it was gathered, took place on Wednesday, at the deceased community, Onuafor Enuagu village, Onicha-Igboeze in Onicha Local Government Area, of the state, around 6 p.m.

The security operatives suspected to be a combined team of the men of the Nigeria Police and Ebube Agu Security Outfit, allegedly went

to the area to arrest a coffin maker, and in the process, started shooting sporadically to scare the residents.

The deceased, Miss Elizabeth, who was said to be selling fruit within the area was attending to her customers, when she was hit by stray bullets.

She was said to have died on the way to Abakaliki for medical treatment.

Mr. Agwu Chijioke, while narrating the incident in his verified social media accounts, said, "Policemen came to my village, Enuagu, Onicha Igboeze, in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State today, 8/9/2021 to harass residents.

"In the melee, they shot and killed my younger sister, who was selling fruits at the Junction."

Another stakeholder, Mr. Linus Abaa Okorie who represented Ohaozara, Onicha and Ivo Federal Constituency, wrote in his verified facebook wall thus, "This young girl of about 25, a hardworking youth and daughter of HRH Oshimili Agwu Nwukpa, peacefully plying her legitimate trade of selling fruits at Onuafor Enuagu, Onicha Igboeze: was gruesomely gunned down by reckless "security operatives" this evening. She was hit by bullets from the guns of these goons while attending to her customers in her shop.

"While some say that the reckless shooters were policemen from Onicha Command Isu, other eyewitnesses insist that they were Ebubeagu operatives that came in an unmarked White Hilux from Isu to arrest a certain coffin maker for unclear allegations.

"Whichever group is responsible for this crime, it is one attack too many on the peaceful people of Onicha Igboeze; and the atrocity must be fully investigated and prosecuted."

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mrs. Loveth Odah, while reacting to the incident in a WhatsApp message, said she had noted the incident, adding that the police authority in the state had swung into action to unravel the circumstances surrounding the killing of the deceased.