

2 Communities At War Path Over Beheaded Girl

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The callous beheading of Miss Chioma Eme-ka Ikwaagwu, an SSS3 student of Holy Rosary, Umuahia who lives in Ukome, Umuahia north local government of Abia state by yet to be identified assassins has put two neighbouring communities of Ameke and Ukome on the war path.

Young Chioma was said to have met her untimely and gruesome death in a farm in Ukome community of the local government where she had gone to harvest vegetables.

LEADERSHIP gathered where Chioma lived until her death was the home of his father's late maternal grandmother.

Narrating how Chioma died, the father, Eme-ka Ikwaagwu said on July 26, he went to his farm to harvest maize, while the wife, Akun-na led some people to weed their other farm close by.

Chioma he said was detailed to prepare food and send to the mother in the farm which she and others were weeding and it was when she was there that the mother sent her to another farm to harvest vegetables.

He said, however that Chioma, who went to the other farm about 12 noon did not come home until the mother was ready to go home which was unexpected. The mother who grew apprehensive went in search of her and to her bewilderment she saw trail of blood in the farm

where Chioma had gone to harvest vegetables.

Confused, Chioma's mother ran home and reported to her husband and a search at the vicinity revealed the lifeless body of Chioma with her severed head by the side. It was reported that the assailant covered it with palm tree leaves.

According to a source, late Chioma was found with her jeans trouser drawn down close to the laps, while even at death, she was clutching her tights with one hand which showed signs of machete cuts.

On hearing this, the Ukome youths immediately went into the bush in search of the possible killer or killers of the girl but could not make any head way.

The body, the father said was left like that until early Saturday morning when the police removed the body to the City gate Mortuary Umuahia, after the Federal Medical Centre rejected it.

The father, it was said reported to his kinsmen, Ameke, who, on Sunday 28th, marched to Ukome with wooden gongs and symbolic palm tree leaves which they handed down to Ukome people, demanding for their daughter.

Meanwhile, a suspect has been arrested over the issue following an earlier threat to the family over a piece of land willed to Emeka Ikwaagwu by his late grandmother for looking after her till death.

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