

attributed the lingering crisis in the party to the selfish interest of some members.

In an interview with LEADERSHIP WEEKEND yesterday, Abubakar lamented that "these disgruntled members, who do not mean well for the party have been running from one point to the other to ensure the party remains in crisis."

"In my opinion, I believe that the crisis in the PDP is caused by the selfish interest of some members of the party. These members do not mean well for the party. We know that these members have been running from one point to the other to ensure that this crisis continues", he said.

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Zaharadeen, a resident of Saulawa quarters in Katsina municipal,

dant of NSCDC, Ibrahim Musa Zabura, has assured that officers and

determined to crush any act of vandalism".

## Family Petitions IGP Over Alleged Police Killing Of Son

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A legal practitioner based in Abakaliki, the Ebonyi State capital, Malachi Iteshi, yesterday called on the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr Abubakar Mohammed, to ensure the immediate dismissal and prosecution of four policemen attached to the Anambra State police command over their alleged involvement in the killing of one Offorbuike Ucha.

Iteshi, in a petition dated August 9, 2013, addressed to the Inspector General of Police, alleged that the policemen conspired and murdered Offorbuike Ucha who hails from Ikwo local government area of Ebonyi State.

According to the legal practitioner, "on the 21st day of June, 2013 Offorbuike Ucha (now deceased) had disagreement with a tricycle driver over an issue arising from payment of bal-

ance to the deceased by the tricycle driver.

"According to our client, while the quarrel was going on, a team of policemen from central police station, Awka came and arrested Ucha Offorbuike and took him to the station after beating him beyond recognition and thereafter detained him in their station.

"We gathered that he was beaten to a point that he started shouting in the cell like a mad person as a result of various degrees of injuries sustained. It is our client brief that as a result of the discomfort caused by the noise of the deceased, a top police officer in the division ordered one junior officer to transfer Ucha Offorbuike to Okuzu special anti-robbery squad (SARS) for necessary action." Barr Iteshi said.

Iteshi alleged that when the vic-

tim's family members visited the police station, the deceased was nowhere to be found. On further inquiry, they were informed that Offorbuike had died and his corpse deposited at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Nnewi in Anambra State.

In an attempt to conceal the identity of the deceased, according to Iteshi, his name and state of origin was changed from Ucha Offorbuike to Ocah Chibuike while his village, Ikwo in Ebonyi State was changed to Ekwo village in Ebonyi State.

Iteshi also urged the IGP to ensure that anybody found wanting in the murder of Offorbuike was prosecuted, adding that "the Anambra State police commissioner and the officer-in-charge of special anti-robbery squad, Okuzu, be compelled to give details of the circumstances behind the death of Offorbuike."