

CRIME: A/Ibom Communities Decry Cases Of Manslaughter

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Residents of three communities including Iwukem and Otoro-Obong, both in Etim Ekpo as well as Okoyo in Ukanafun local government, Akwa Ibom State, have decried the spate of cases of manslaughter in the communities and have called for urgent security intervention.

This is just as the chapter chairman of the Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO) in the state, Comrade Clifford Thomas has lamented the series of cold-blooded killings in the state, noting that "the rural Akwa Ibom have become grossly under-policed giving way to incessant killings and violent deaths at slightest provocation".

Although neither the state police commissioner, Mr. Umar Gwadabe nor the public relations officer of the police

command were available to speak on the matter at the time of this report, security sources confirmed the incidents.

① Recall that one Elder Ekeke Unnah, of Otoro-Obong was brutally murdered by his son over alleged refusal of the deceased to handover cash sent for family projects by the eldest son of the deceased from abroad.

② A similar incident occurred in neighbouring Iwukem, one kilometre from Otoro-Obong, where one Aniefiok Sunday, was said to have murdered his younger brother, Uduak, over some nagging feuds.

③ Similarly, in the Okoyo community in Ukanafun local government, a man popularly called Akanubo was also reported to have been hacked to death by his son over allegations of his involvement in witchcraft and killing of several people using his evil powers.