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# KILLING: Villagers Battle Police Over Son's Death

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Headquarters of the Anambra State Police Command, Amawbia, was yesterday literally enveloped in a tense atmosphere as some elders and youths from Umunze, Orumba South local government of the state, besieged the police headquarters to protest the alleged killing of one of their sons, one Mr. Emmanuel Eze. 45, by a stray bullet fired by an officer of the command.

Eze, they said, was sent to his untimely grave by a trigger-happy police officer during a protest staged last week by Ndikpa village youths who were protesting the attempt by a certain land speculator to take their communal land.

The aggrieved villagers were at the state police headquarters to demand from the Commissioner for Police, Mr. Hassan Kama, the release of the corpse of their killed son to them and adequate compensation to be paid to them.

One of the deceased younger brothers, Samuel Eze disclosed amidst outpouring of grief that the deceased, Emmanuel, a palm kernel marketer on that fateful day had just got back from his business at about 4pm and had gone to buy soap to take his bath when he met his untimely death in the hands of the police officer, whom he said, shot him in the head.

"My brother just came back from his shop for the day's business and went to buy soap to take his bath, and was just doing so when he was shot.

"On the that day, some protesters from another village, Ndikpa, whose land had been sold, and who were protesting incessant arrest of their youths by the buyer, were on their way to the police station on a protest, and were just approaching the station when police officers made to stop them and one drew a pistol and shot Emmanuel who just bought soap to bathe."

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