

Nduagu Amagu Killing; Police Confirm Arrest Of Suspects, Say Investigation Ongoing

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The *Ebonyi State Police* Command has confirmed the arrest of some persons following the crisis that erupted at Ndiagu Amagu in Ikwo local government area of the state which led to the death of one Nwoyike Ugbaloke while others sustained various degrees of injuries.

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Confirming the arrest, the police public relations officer (PPRO) SP Joshua Ukandu said that some persons have been arrested in connection with the crisis and noted that the command is still investigating the matter to ascertain what led to the crisis.

“What I can tell you is that some persons have been arrested, and the matter is being investigated. The community came for a meeting at the headquarters here, and they discussed the matter with the police management team. I can’t give you much detail now as we are still looking into the matter. Soon, the command will come out with a detailed report of the incident and that would be made public to the press,” he said.

Reacting to the ugly incident, the councillor representing Ndiagu Amagu Ward 1 and chief whip of Ikwo Legislative, Hon Ochere Gilbert Oforbuike condemned the killing of Mr. Nwoyike Ugbaloke and the disappearance of many others in Ndiagu Amagu community.

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The deceased, Nwoyika Ugbaloke and Thomas Ngaragu, were attacked by some persons from the community, but regrettably, Ugbaloke did not survive the attack. Many people are said to be missing from the community following the attack.

In an interview with journalists on the crisis rocking the community, Hon Oforbuike described the killing as sad and unfortunate, adding that those who masterminded the attack are those who are doing so for selfish political interest.

He noted that the leadership crisis in the community has since been resolved by some stakeholders of the area and the traditional ruler of the community but expressed the regret that despite the amicable resolution of the dispute, some persons still went ahead to attack those they perceived as enemies.

The lawmaker commended the Nigeria Police for the arrest of about 11 persons who are instigating the crisis in the community adding that those who are still at large should also be arrested to ensure that peace returns to the community.

He also commended the traditional ruler of the community Eze Isaiah Otubo for his peaceful disposition and accommodating spirit.