

Edo high chief murdered

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THE Oniha of Uzea in Esan North-East Local Government Area of Edo State High Chief Samuel Okhueleigbe has been murdered at Ebulen village.

Six, of the seven of those who allegedly perpetuated the heinous crime are cooling off their heels at the state police headquarters, Benin City, *The Nation* learnt.

Investigation revealed that the suspects who were said to have been led by Ebulen, descended on Okhueleigbe with cutlasses and other dangerous weapons and inflicted serious injuries on him.

It was gathered that the High Chief was left in the pool of his blood for over five hours before rescue came his way. He owned the Irrua Specialist Hospital, Irrua.

The Nation learnt that when the news of Okhueleigbe's death got to Ebulen people, there was wild jubilation, to celebrate his demise. They claimed that the chief had constantly stood against the progress of their land and for that, he deserved to die.

The slain chief was accused of stepping on the toes of some people in the community when he provided evidence to prove to a court that the enthroned Onogie of Uzea, who was later murdered at the Ambrose Alli University (AAU) Ekpoma, was the right person for the stool.

According to Mr. Henry Okhueleigbe, second son of the deceased and a radio technician in Uromi, "they succeeded in killing my father. Ojieabulu harboured grudges against my father until his death for several years ago after the kingship tussle.

Besides, Henry said Jacob Iyere, had trespassed on his late father's land and destroyed his economic trees which included mango, orange, pear, banana, plantain, pineapple and others.

He explained that his father petitioned the Commissioner of Police, Benin; the Area Commander, Irrua and the palace of the Onogie of Uzea in order to get justice when he discovered the unethical behavior of Jacob Iyere.

Police warn vehicle owners

THE police in Lagos have warned owners of abandoned vehicles and motorcycle parked at the Ikeja and Isheri police stations to claim them or they will be auctioned.

The vehicles are, Toyota Liteace Busi XA535 LKJ, Volkswagen Bus, XJ516AAA, Mercedes Benz, 676KCC, Volkswagen bus, XB 830 KRD, Ford car, AK 484KSB, Mazda car CB 520 MUS, BMW car, BA 491 GGB, Honda car, 848 LSR and a bus XJ 148 SMK.

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