

# Village head banished for allegedly killing subject

**T**HE Village Head of Ojor community on Uyanga, Akamkpa Local Government of Cross River State, Obol Paulinus MMbeh Ogar, is cooling his heels at the Headquarters of the state Police Command for allegedly killing one of his subjects, Monday Inyang Mbeh.

Obol Ogar was alleged to have misappropriated funds meant for the community which prompted the people to challenge him to account for the funds.

Piqued by the people's audacity in asking him about the funds allegedly misappropriated by him, the village head was said to have brought out a gun and shot dead the late Monday Inyang Mbeh.

Immediately after allegedly killing the man, the village head fled to Calabar to report to the police that people of his community wanted to kill him without any provocation.

Unfortunately for him, the Officer-in-charge of the Uyanga police station who was privy to what happened in the village informed the police headquarters of the true position of the matter.

Instead of him being the complainant, he became the accused and was detained after which he made useful statement to the police.

The chairman of Ojor Community Council of chiefs, Obol Emmanuel Okon explained what transpired in the community while speaking to report-

ers.

Obol Okon said the people of the community had been having problems with the village heads for sometime and had to take him to court for allegedly misappropriating the community funds.

He said they had reported the matter to the state security adviser to the governor through a letter

from the state forestry commission.

Obol Okon said the people were therefore forced to sue the village head at the high court to come and render account to the community and judgment was given against him.

He said it was at this point that the village head became more infuriated

him," the letter to the SSA stated.

The father of the deceased, Chief Inyang Mbe narrated his ordeal. "When he shot my son, I came to pick up the boy and blood started coming out of his mouth and nose and before anything could be done, he died," he said.

An eye witness, Obol John Okpara told Sunday Nation that he was one of those wrote the petition that the village embezzled the community funds.

"I witnessed the killing; he brought out a gun from his house and boasted that there were no men in Ojor community who can stand up to him. After shooting the boy, he ran away to report to the police in Calabar that there was trouble in his community," he said.

The police Public Relations Officer at the command, Mr. Thomas Opene confirmed that the village head had been in their custody since October 10, 2007.

Okpene said it could not be ascertained if the village head was the one who killed the 25 years old boy until investigations are concluded.

## Annual Thanksgiving

The 2007 Annual Thanksgiving Service of the Anglican Youth Fellowship of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Igando, Lagos State holds today.

The event scheduled to take place at the church auditorium will be presided over by the host Shepherd, Rev. S. O. Fatoyinbo.



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dated October 11, 2007 explaining the misgiving against the village head.

According to Obol Okon, between 2001 - 2006, the village head collected #55.6m being income accruing to the community from their rubber farm, market, toll gate, wild palm bush and royalty

and started threatening the lives of people in the community.

"Sir, a village head as we know is expected to be the custodian of peace. The reverse is the case with Obol Paulinus Ogar, the entire community has lost confidence in him, hence their intention to dethrone