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## Tension in Rivers communities over murder of 28-year-old man

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THE brutal murder of 28-year-old Onyemuche William, who was beheaded by unknown persons, has thrown the Ubima and Omuawa communities in Rivers State into confusion. The Omuawa and Ubima communities are located in Ikwerre Local government Area of Rivers State. Among other things, the two sister communities share a common boundary, one royal stool and have enjoyed peace for many years. There are growing fears among the people that the cruel murder of the late Onyemuche, a native of Ubima community, whose head was dumped at the Omuawa community school, may signal an end to the existing peace between the two communities if the crisis is not properly manage. The family of the victim, who has reported the matter to the police, said they are yet to see the body of their late son. When The Nation visited the scene of the incident at Omuawa community, there were fears among the residents over a reprisal attack by the youths of the victim's community. Speaking on behalf of the family, the victim's elder brother, Mr. Iheanyi Prince Williams, said his family want to follow due process to ensure justice in the murder of his late brother. He said he has briefed the state Commissioner of Police, adding that he would copy the State Security Service (SSS) and other relevant authorities. Narrating how his brother was killed, Iheanyi said, "When I came back from travel they told me that somebody called him on phone in the night. And he immediately came out of the house and boarded a motorcycle and left. After two hours, they called us and said he has been murdered. "We thought it was a joke, but when we got to the scene where his head was dumped, we were amazed to discover that it is really our brother. I know the killers will not go unpunished and I am going to ensure that those who killed him face the wrath of the law." He called on the two communities to join hands to ensure that the killers are brought to book. The head of Ogbakor Ubima Assembly, Chief Daniel Awuzirike, said the community chiefs will meet to take a decision over the matter in order to avert any possible clash. Effort to speak with the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) of the state police command, DSP Ahmad Mohammad, was futile, as he would pick his call. He also did not reply a text message that was forwarded to him concerning the issue.

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