

Two die in Edo community leadership tussle



Two persons have been killed over leadership tussle at Iyanomo community, Ikpoba-Okha Local Government Area.

The deceased were Eboh Enomwa and Stephen Imaghodo.

Governor Monday Okpebholo has, however, launched an investigation to get the killers and prosecute them.

Okpebholo spoke through the Edo State Special Security Squad, codenamed "Operation Flush Out Cultists and Kidnappers" when the Government House Chief Security Officer (CSO), Chief Superintendent of Police Osaro Roberts, and Principal Security Officer to the Governor, Okoh Saturday, visited the community.

They said they were in the community to ascertain the true circumstances surrounding the killings.

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Addressing the community elders and youths, Secretary of the Special Security Squad, John Izegaebe, said the governor's resolve to stamp out cultism, kidnapping, and communal clashes in the state would be accomplished.

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“Our findings so far point to a leadership tussle between two rival factions in Iyanomo, which degenerated into violence and, ultimately, claimed the lives of two men. This is unacceptable. The governor has directed us to ensure that all those involved in this heinous act are identified, arrested, and prosecuted. No one is above the law.

“The government condoles with the families of the victims and assures them that justice will be served. At the same time, we are sending a very strong message to community leaders: disputes must be resolved legally, not through violence. Governor Okpebholo has zero tolerance for crime, and anyone who foments unrest in Edo communities will face the full wrath of the law.”

The residents called on the state government to beef up security in the area to forestall further bloodshed.