

16 persons killed in Ugbukunusu, other communities clash

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NO fewer than 16 persons have been reportedly killed in Ugbukunusu and Ikeresa Communities in Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State following the lingering communal crisis between the communities and Obotie Community.

The spokesman of the two Communities, Mr. Robinson Urueshone told Journalists that since the beginning of the communal crisis, about 10 years ago, Obotie people have attacked them with dangerous weapons killing and injuring some of them.

Urueshone stated that the hostility between the neighbouring towns claimed the life of one Mr. Sule Umukoro who hailed from Ugbukunusu in 1997.

He further said that in 2001, four people were killed. He gave the names of the dead persons as: Rowland Ogujo, Bomboy Ogboru, Godwin Awosebe and Oneme Agbagbetagha

He said that as the crisis lingered on, eight persons were killed, in their prime, in 2004. the names of the dead persons include: Titi Akpomiemie,

Mifone Tebefia, Boy Iko, Ete Ovwode, independence Biokoro, Umuko Igbine (an Ikeresa), Edore Waka and Onoriode Erhemroom from gborhem (Community).

The spokesman further

disclosed that one Tunde Okirimayo was killed in Okpakomedje camp near Okegberode Village while last month, one Jonathan Uduwaran, an indigene of Udu Village living in Ugbukunusu,

was killed.

Mr. Robinson Umeshone, has therefore appealed the state Government to wade into the matter as they can not continue to watch helplessly the killing of the people.

Agagu suspends OSOPADEC board member

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A MEMBER of the Board of Ondo State Oil Producing Areas Development Commission [OSOPADEC], CHIEF Rrapheal Nomiye has been suspended by the state governor, Dr. Olusegun Agagu.

The suspension contained in a letter dated December 3, 2008 and signed by the Secretary to the State Government, Hon Isaac Kekemeke was addressed to the chairman of OSOPADEC.

Chief Nomiye, according to the letter was suspended as a result of the embarrassment he caused the state government by his conduct.

The chairman of OSOPADEC was directed to

ensure that the suspended board member hands over all government property in his possession to the Secretary with immediate effect.

New Nigerian reliably gathered that the suspension was due to the protest against the confirmation of the reappointment of the Board Chairman, Chief Adewale Omojuwa for another four year term.

In his own reaction, Chief Nomiye said, he had tendered his letter of resignation as Board member since Wednesday December 3, 2008 because government has not been fair to Monetehin community which is the only oil producing area in the state.



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