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There is palpable tension in Ekpan community in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State as two factions are likely to square it up over the arrest of the traditional head (Unueworo) of the community, Chief Newton Agbofodoh, on Friday, by a detachment of policemen and soldiers.

He was arrested over alleged connection with murder, armed robbery and kidnapping.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Delta State Command, DSP Celestina Kalu, in a situation report on Saturday, said, "At about 15:20hrs on June 17th, 2016, one Chief Newton Agbofodoh was arrested at Ekpan by a team of anti-kidnapping Opts ACPOL Warri, led by Inspector James Daniel in connection with murder of John Mugidi on May 16th, 2016 and murder of Joseph Utuedor on May 27th 2016." Kalu added that the Unueworo of Ekpan was being held for further involvement in yet another "murder of Edigbe Ikpesa some time in October 2012, and the Delta Mall robbery/wanton destruction in January 2016."

According to her, "The suspect is linked to series of killings within Ekpan and effort is being intensified to arrest his cohorts."

Reacting, a witness to the arrest, Mr Blessing Oghori, said the arrest was an organised blackmail by a faction in the community and politicians opposed to Chief Agbofodoh in order to punish him for crimes he knew nothing about.

Oghori said: "It is shocking that without an arrest or search warrant, the police and army, with internal collaborators, can invade the home of such a personality, brutalise and take him out like a common criminal."

Sunday Tribune, however, gathered that the Unueworo of Ekpan was being interrogated at the State Criminal Investigation Bureau as of the time of filing the report.