

Vigilante kills ex-Delta community president-general in error during exco swearing-in

Mob lynches him

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THE swearing-in ceremony of a new executive of Ukpi-ovwin community in Udu Local Government Area of Delta State went sour last weekend as a local vigilante member, David (surname withheld), shot dead the immediate past president-general of the community, Mr Fredrick

Ighoshemusua, in error.

Angered by the killing, the gathering reportedly descended on the vigilante member and clubbed him to death.

Ighoshemusua, said to be 51 years, was killed shortly after formally handing over the baton of leadership to his successor at the event held at the community's secondary school.

A source in the commu-

nity told newsmen that: "Ighoshemusua's tenure as president-general of the community had expired and he had successfully handed over to his successor.

"While the celebration was on, Ighoshemusua left for his house, but after a while, it was discovered that he was no longer at the venue of the event, so they sent for him to come and take part in a group photo-

graph."

It was gathered that Ighoshemusua was hit by a bullet when he returned to join the group photograph with the new executive.

Speaking on the incident, the state Commissioner of Police, Ari Muhammed Ali, told newsmen that the vigilance member shot the community leader in error after making futile attempt to shoot into the air to add

colour to the ceremony.

"It was in the process of taking the group photograph that the vigilante member started shooting into the air in celebration.

"At a point, as he was shooting, his pump-action gun did not respond.

"So he brought the gun down and was trying to fix it when the bullet hit the outgone president-general on the chest and he died on

the spot.

"When the vigilante man saw what happened, he quickly took a motorcycle and was heading to the police station to report the matter when some angry youths gave him a hot chase and stopped him at the railway line.

"They brought him back to the community and beat him to death," the police boss said.

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