

Protest rocks Bayelsa over death of suspect in police custody

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INDIGENES of Biogbolo community in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State on Saturday blocked the popular Melford Okilo expressway to protest the death of one Goodluck Ovieke, who was said

to have died while in police custody.

The protest which lasted for several hours left commuters stranded, bringing economic activities to a halt.

Ebitonye Michael, a relative of the deceased, claimed that men of the police special squad "Operation Puff

Adder" arrested Ovieke on Wednesday over a crime he did not commit.

She alleged that Ovieke was murdered in the police cell and his body was later dumped at the Federal Medical Center (FMC), Yenagoa.

Meanwhile, the Bayelsa state police commissioner,

CP Echeng Echeng, has ordered a discreet investigation and autopsy to ascertain the cause of Ovieke's death.

The police commissioner made this known in a statement signed by the Public Relations Officer of the Command, Asinim Butswat.