

# ④ Youths, men, women protest torture, death of Ebonyi man

## ·Raze houses, filling stations, others

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OLD women, youths and men of Akaeze community in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State have destroyed properties worth millions of naira, including houses, filling station and vehicles belonging to prominent persons in their area over the torture and killing of one Nnaogo Anyim.

Anyim was arrested by the men of Ebubeagu Security Network attached to Ivo Local Government for alleged robbery, but was allegedly tortured by the operatives.

He was said to have died in the hospital following the torture.

Among those whose properties were burnt was the chairman of the local government area, Chief Onyebuchi Ogbadu.

Ogbadu's house, filling stations and other properties were razed in the melee.

Also, court and police post in the community were razed by the mob.

It was alleged that about four persons were killed during the protest.

Reacting to the incident, Chief Ogbadu said: "In the

first place, my house and property were the fifth in the series of what they burnt yesterday [Sunday]. They started with the commander of Ebubeagu's house, went to the deputy, went to another person. They said they were burning houses because of a person they said died when he was arrested by Ebubeagu people; he was an armed robber and he died in the hospital.

"The Commissioner of Police as directed by the governor of the state is investigating. He has arrested Ebubeagu leadership, four of

them and they are in detention. So, why then were they taking the law into their own hands and burning people's houses?"

Ogbadu dismissed the insinuation in many quarters that he shot and killed two of the protesters.

"They were shooting guns when they were protesting yesterday. How can I even go near them to kill them? I did not shoot anybody. They did not even come close to me and I was not in my house when they came. I was in Eze's palace when they came to my house and burnt it."

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