

## Bayelsa govt calls for calm as man beheads girlfriend

BAYELSA State government on Tuesday called for calm over report of the beheading of a girl on Saturday in Kabeama community, Sagbama Local Government Area of the state by her boyfriend.

The call came amid reported tension between members of Kabeama and Amatolo communities where the girl and the boyfriend respectively hail from.

The state deputy governor, Lawrence Ewhrudjakpo, in a statement by his media aide, Mr Doubara Atasi, urged the two communities to allow the police to handle the matter.

He cautioned the girl's community against reprisal, saying government was taking appropriate measures to ensure justice for the deceased and her family.

Ewhrudjakpo condemned the killing, saying it was an unacceptable development.

He therefore urged traditional leaders and the people of the two communities to avoid utterances and actions that could escalate the issue.

The deputy governor also appealed to both communities to cooperate with government and security agencies to ensure amicable handling of the matter.

He expressed the condolences of the state government to the family of the deceased and assured them of justice.

Meanwhile, the police spokesman in Bayelsa, ASP Musa Mohammed, in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), confirmed the arrest of the deceased's boyfriend who will soon be charged to court while the remains of the deceased had been deposited to the mortuary at the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Yenagoa