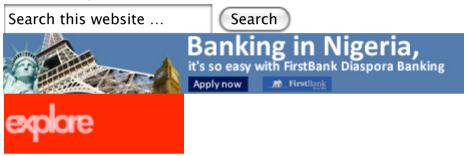
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September 21, 2012 by Mike Odiegwu

The Obrigbene community, Ekeremor Local Government Area, Bayelsa State, was thrown into mourning on Tuesday when a scuffle that broke out in a bar claimed the life of a 19-year-old boy, John Oweikabo.

Our correspondent gathered that Oweikabo was attacked and stabbed with a knife by one Daniel Esamgbala who was identified by eyewitnesses as the deceased friend.

While some of the eyewitnesses told our correspondent that arguments bordering on sharing formula for a business deal caused the fight, others said the cause of the fight was centred on a woman.

Esamgbala allegedly stabbed his friend on the neck and fled after suspecting that Oweikabo would not survive the injury.

It was learnt that the victim lost a lot of blood and died before help could come his way.

Youths in the community reportedly combed the bushes around the area to fish out the suspected killer.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Fidelis Odunna, said the police had begun investigation into the matter.

Odunna said the suspected killer was about the same age with the victim and from the same community as the deceased.

According to him, the police have launched a manhunt for the fleeing suspect, promising that he would be arrested and prosecuted.

He said, "The sad incident happened on Tuesday afternoon during a scuffle between both youths at Obrigbene. Shortly after he was stabbed by Daniel, he was rushed to Ekeremor hospital for treatment before he gave up the ghost.

"The corpse has been deposited in a mortuary at Bomadi. The suspect had fled the community after the deceased was confirmed dead. We have declared a wide manhunt on the suspected killer because it is unlawful for one to take laws into his hands."

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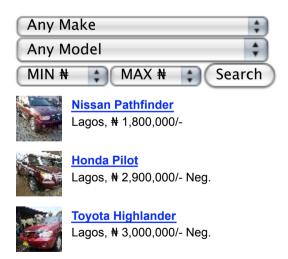
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