## Reps want murder of Igbo men by soldiers probed

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The House of Representatives on Thursday called for an investigation into the alleged execution of two Igbo men in Ogoniland by some soldiers of the Nigerian Army.

This followed the adoption of a six-clause report of the House Committee on Army chaired by Rimande Kwevum on the investigation of the crisis in Ogoniland in Rivers State.

Kwevum said the summary execution of two Igbo men, Linus Nwafor and Kelechi Nwafor, who were not part of the Ogoni factions and were executed far away from the scene of the conflict, should be further investigated and the officers and men responsible be prosecuted.

He also said adequate compensation should be paid by the Federal Government to the families of the deceased and to those who lost their properties.

He said, "There is an urgent need to start withdrawing soldiers from the streets across the country, and replace them with internal security men.

"The Federal Government should encourage the Rivers State Government to embark on reconciliation and peace building measures in Ogoniland."

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