

Rivers vigilance group accuses member of killing man

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The Diobu Vigilance group in Rivers State on Friday accused its embattled member, Victor Ohaji, of killing and burying a yet-to-be-identified man in an unmarked grave at a swamp in the Eagle Island area of Port Harcourt.

The group, who marched to the Rivers State Police Command headquarters in Port Harcourt, urged the Commissioner of Police in the state to investigate the matter.

The vigilance group said Ohaji abused the privilege of being a member of the local security outfit in perpetrating nefarious activities in the area.

It said, “Why we are here today as a local security outfit protecting lives and property in Diobu, complementing the efforts of the police, is to tell the Commissioner of Police that we don’t want Victor Ohaji to dent our image. Victor Ohaji has killed and buried a man we have yet to know his identity around Eagle Island area.

“We have identified the location and we want the CP to order his men to go there and exhume the corpse and carry out an autopsy for us to identify the body. He (Ohaji) said it was a mad man that he buried, but we are asking what authority did Victor Ohaji have to bury that person?

“More people are agitating in Eagle Island of his (Ohaji’s) activities. A man came to Diobu vigilante yesterday (Thursday) and told us that Victor Ohaji went to his compound and gave him two weeks to pack out of his house, otherwise he was going to burn down the building and shoot all his dogs.”

However, Ohaji has denied all the accusations against him, saying they were aimed at tarnishing his image.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, said the suspect had been detained and the state Commissioner of Police, Joseph Mukan, had ordered a thorough investigation towards ensuring justice.

“We received a protest letter from the group about the matter and as we speak, investigations have commenced. The accused Victor Ohaji and others have been detained; the matter is receiving adequate attention,” he said.

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