Family of Rivers woman killed by vigilante demands justice

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The family of a woman, Beatrice Obisike-Daniel, who was allegedly killed by a vigilante in Rumuekini, in the Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State, has demanded justice for her.

The deceased's husband, Mr Justice Daniel, said he was told that his wife was shot by a member of a vigilance group, Onelga Security Peace Advisory Council, while she cooked at a burial last Saturday.

Justice said the vigilante shot his wife without any provocation, adding that he had reported the matter to the police.

"I made a statement to the police and I took my wife to a mortuary. I want the whole world to hear me well that what I need in this matter is justice because I don't have problem with anybody," he added.

The widower wondered why members of the vigilante group were bearing arms when the police had barred them from doing so because of their "overzealous attitude."

The mother-in-law of the deceased, who did not identify herself, said she was with the victim when she was killed.

She said, "We went there (funeral) on Friday and finished cooking. On Saturday, we returned to cook again. My son's wife cooked two pots of rice, and a pot of soup was on the fire. As both of us sat down, one of my brother's wives called her to help in bringing down the pot of soup. As she was going, the boy (vigilante) shot her."

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