

Youths protesting Rivers community leader's torture kill vigilante

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There is tension in Elele Alimini community, in the Emuoha Local Government Area of Rivers State after youths protesting the torture of a community leader allegedly killed a vigilante, John Amadi.

The Councillor representing Elele Alimini Ward 10, Ekwueme Dike, while speaking on a radio station, *Nigeria Info FM*, Port Harcourt, on Monday, said trouble started after the Vice Chairman of the Community Development Committee, Christian Chukwu, was beaten to a pulp by some operatives of a disbanded local security outfit, Onelga Security Peace and Advisory Council.

Dike said youths in the area, who thought that Chukwu was dead, went after the group members, culminating in the death of Amadi.

“The guy (Chukwu) had personal problems with a member of the disbanded OSPAC group. The member then called three other persons from the group.

“They beat the boy and he lost consciousness. His brother felt he had died, not knowing he was still alive. To my greatest surprise, I heard the information that the community invaded the OSPAC premises. I am calling

on the Nigerian Army, the police and the Department of State Services to come to our aid,” the councillor stated.

The council Chairman, Dr Chidi Lloyd, confirmed the killing of the vigilante.

He said, “The dogs that the community bought are now biting them. That is what is happening in Emuoha.

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“You don’t arm a group of people and leave them unchecked. Some members of the disbanded OSPAC are now acting ultra vires. We want OSPAC to be backed by law so that we will be able to regulate and monitor their activities.”

A spokesman for the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the incident, adding that the Commissioner of Police, Friday Eboka, had ordered an investigation.

He said, "So far, no arrest has been made, but an investigation has been ordered by the Commissioner of Police." „