

† One reportedly killed over Edo community CDA ban, elder cries out

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A man, Isaac Onoriode, has been reportedly killed in a crisis resulting from a ban on the activities of community development associations in Ubiaza, in the Ikpoba Okha Local Government Area of Edo State.

Three yet-to-be-identified persons were said to have sustained gunshot injuries during the crisis, which created tension in the community.

The acting *Odionwere* of the community, Pa Joe Osaheni, on Tuesday, said trouble started

after the Oba of Benin, Ewuare II, placed a ban on the activities of CDAs in the community.

Osaheni said the remains of the deceased had been deposited in a morgue, while the three other victims were receiving treatment for gunshot wounds.

He alleged that one Osagiede Uhunmwangho, aka *Crisis General*, masterminded the invasion that led to the destruction of property worth millions of naira, adding that many community elders had fled their houses.

Osaheni said, "The elders

and some of the indigenes of Ubiaza community have run away from their houses following the attack by the marauding gang led by Osagiede Uhunmwangho to take over and sell land in Ubiaza community with impunity at the expense of the people."

The *Odionwere* appealed to the Edo State Governor, Godwin Obaseki; the Commissioner of Police, Philip Ogbuadu, and the Department of State Services to come to their rescue to avert further loss of lives in the community.

Responding to the allegations, Uhunmwangho said he was neither from the community nor resided there.

He added that the allegations were unfounded and targetted at tarnishing his reputation.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kotongs Bello, said he had yet to be briefed about the incidents in the community.

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obscene book, the defendants were sentenced to pay N50,000 each, or risk two years' imprisonment.

Ahmad noted that for the offence of abatement, Section 48 of the Sokoto Penal Code provided for N50,000 penalty or conviction for six months.

The magistrate said each of the defendants should pay N100,000 compensation to the complainant.

Reacting to the development, both the prosecutor, ASP Simon Sule, and the complainant, said they were satisfied with the judgement.

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