

Guard allegedly shoots man dead in Rivers, family seeks justice

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A 26-year-old man identified as Chijioke Amadi, from Elele-Alimini in Emuoha Local Government Area of Rivers State, was allegedly shot dead by a suspected security guard attached to an indigenous company in the area.

Though the circumstances leading to the man's death were sketchy, one of his relatives while speaking on a popular Radio Station (92.3 Nigeria Info), Port Harcourt monitored by our correspondent on Tuesday confirmed the incident.

One of the relatives of the deceased, Emeka Woke, said his brother was shot dead while returning from their father's farm on Monday.

Woke, who disclosed that his brother would be buried on Tuesday called for justice to be served.

He stated, "What happened was that one of our brothers went to the farm yesterday. On his way back, he had a gunshot from SIAT company security.

"They just shot him. We have evidence because the boy was not alone. They were about four in number. They shot him on our own land."

He further said that angered by the incident, youths in the area took the boy's corpse and dropped it in front of the company.

He stated, "Whatever I'm telling you now is the truth because they were four people.

"He went to the farm yesterday and on his way back, the Siat security just shot him. They were about four when this incident happened. They shot him in our own land.

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"That same day, our boys gathered and took the corpse down to the company yard. The company people brought the corpse back to the place where they shot him."

Also speaking, the widow of the late Amadi, Happiness Amadi, said she was still in shock over the incident.

Mrs Amadi, a nursing mother, stated, "Yesterday, I was at home when my husband said he was going to the waterside.

“So I was at home with my newborn baby. Next thing I heard was that Siat security shot him on the lap. He went to his grandfather’s farm.

“There is somebody who followed him that is aware of the shooting. Let the government please arrest the people that shot him.

“Secondly, I don’t have anybody to take care of my child for me.”

When contacted, spokesperson of the state police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, said she was yet to get a situation report on the incident.

She however promised to find out from the Divisional Police Officer and give our reporter a feedback.

She had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report on Tuesday afternoon.