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## **NEWS:**

### **Woman murdered, but no war with Mogho**

**...Citizens asked to embrace peace**

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A middle aged woman identified as Mrs. Amba Emababari has been murdered by yet-to-be identified persons on her farm sharing common boundaries with two communities in Gokana local government area of Rivers State

The deceased left her home at Bodo City last Saturday, July 14 for the farm, but never returned home again.

A lady who claims to own a farm near the deceased's told this paper that both of them had pleasantries early morning on the fateful day during which the deceased told her of her plan to visit the farm.

According to the source, the deceased explained that she was going to the farm solely to spill her melon which had almost gone bad due to lack of care.

After a meal with her family that early morning, the fair -complexioned woman described by many as quiet and beautiful despite her comparatively low social status, left home to labour for her daily bread. Fear and apprehension began to take over her entire family when, up-till late in the night Amba had still not returned from her journey.

Messages were spread, while consultations among family members and neighbours agreed on a search the following day for the missing woman.

An insider told our News Editor that it was a pathetic picture sighting the woman as she lay dead inside the farm.

More astonishing, is the discovery that her two breasts were removed by the killers apparently for ritual purpose.

Her corpse has been deposited in a morgue.

Meanwhile, as the news of the dastard murder spread, rumours held that the people of Mogho fled their homes for fears that they could be attacked by their Bodo City neighbours.

Their confusion was, arguably, hinged on the suspicion that it was a similar incident that led to the recent sad encounter between the two sister towns.

Reliable sources told journalists that since after the corpse of the lady was found last Sunday, majority of Mogho indigenes had fled their homes for the unfoundable fear that their Bodo neighbour could attack them.

But findings conducted by law enforcement agents, traditional authorities, the press and some concerned individuals and groups in Gokana have confirmed that both Bodo City and Mogho are peaceful with normal activities going on.

The chiefs, elders and entire leadership of Bodo City, we learnt, had advised its indigenes not to take any unilateral action or spread information that could aggravate situation in the already volatile Gokana Kingdom.

The message urged the people of Bodo to remain calm, tolerant and also play host to those that may seek refuge in the community, provided such persons do not use the place as a launching pad for illegal

activities.

The police at Kpor, headquarters of the L.G.A have also warned communities in the area to remain law-abiding, assuring that the police will always do their best to protect lives and properties.

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