

Imo youths protest killing of crippled barber

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ECONOMIC activities were paralysed yesterday in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State, as youths of Eziachi took over the town to protest the killing of a physically challenged barber by members of the Imo State Security Network Wednesday night.

The protesting youth carried the corpse of the deceased to the security outfit's office at the local government headquarters.

Daily Sun reliably learnt that the deceased, Udodiri Nganwuchi Akidi, a barber from Umuke Umuoba village in Eziachi, met his untimely death in a popular drinking joint where he had gone to drink with some of his friends. He was hit by a bullet fired by one of the members of the Imo State Security Network, who were shooting sporadically, in a bid to disperse the patrons of the popular joint, whose owner had refused to pay them what is called in local parlance "marching ground money."

According to Mr. Oba Martins Anumudu Akidi, brother of the deceased, Udodiri had gone to the popular drinking joint with some of his friends about 8pm, but as they were having their drinks, members of the Imo Security Network stormed the place and started harassing owner of the joint that he must pay them "marching ground money" or they would close his business that night.

He further disclosed that