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① THE sleepy Eyobisung community in Udung Uko Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State is still in shock over the massacre of eight of their natives at night by some unknown persons. Four women, four men, and in one instance, a man and his wife were butchered, on the night of November 22.

Nobody seems to know the actual reason for the massacre but a source in the community alleged that the victims of the killing were accused of being witches and wizards, whose activities led to the sudden death of a councillorship candidate, Duncan Orok-edi, a few days before the incident. Orok-edi was scheduled to stand election on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) holding on Saturday, December 2.

Monarch demands justice

② The paramount ruler of Udung Uko, HRM Bassey Etim Edet told *Saturday Sun* that the witchcraft story is very outlandish since the said councillorship candidate was said to have had some health history of hypertension, "as confirmed by his wife."

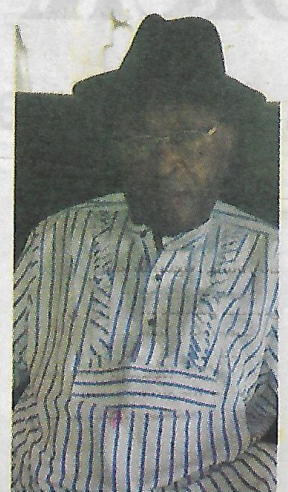
"So, because of his death, we have asked that he be replaced with his wife for fairness and equity because it was their turn to produce a councillor for the ward."

The monarch, a former chairman of the local government area, said the entire drama was as a re-

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BASSEY OKON OKPOYO, LOST MUM



CHIEF BASSEY ETIM EDET, PARAMOUNT RULER OF UDUNG UKO

locate to live with his in-laws in nity," he said.