

accelerated hearing.

In the ruling signed by the registrar, P.C. Osuji, the court ordered that the

Anyanwu brought his suit against the PDP, Ihedioha and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC).

Attempts by Anyanwu's counsel to

tion ex parte, sought to convince the court to grant a restraining order against Ihedioha behind his back, but the judge declined, insisting that Ihedioha and the

abuses by police in Delta

**THE** leadership of the Committee for Defence of Human Rights (CDHR), Udu unit, in Udu Local Government Area of Delta State, has demanded urgent and drastic solutions to the menace of extortion and human rights abuses by policemen operating within the area and its environs.

The coordinator of CDHR, Udu, Comrade Derrick Agberen, who made the call when he led other members of the group on a courtesy visit to the new divisional police officer (DPO) in Udu, CSP Yakubu Nda Mohammed, in his office at the weekend, lamented the alarming increase in cases of abuse and extortion by police in the area.

Agberen, who disclosed that the visit of the CDHR to the DPO was sequel to the approval of the Delta State CDHR

## Army drafts troops to Ajakurama in search of soldier's killers, weapon

From **Tony Osauzo**, Benin

**MORE** than 50 soldiers have been reportedly drafted to Ajakurama and other neighbouring communities in Ovia South West Local Government Area of Edo State in a bid to apprehend the killers of a soldier and recover his stolen gun.

The late soldier, who was buried in a shallow grave by his killers, was on a routine patrol in the area when he and others were ambushed.

It was learnt that many of the villagers have fled for fear of being attacked while others were stopped from leaving their homes.

According to sources in Ofunama and Ajakurama, many of the villagers fled through the river to take refuge with their relatives in Benin City.

Spokesman for Ajakurama community, Edah Tam Nike, expressed shock at the treatment being meted by the soldiers to the villagers, despite the pledge by the community to join in the

search for the culprits.

He said the villagers were not allowed to leave because the soldiers were concerned about the gun.

However, spokesperson for Operation Delta Safe, Major Ibrahim Abdul-lahi, denied that the soldiers harassed community members.

He said soldiers were only carrying out a surgical operation to isolate hoodlums, and urged the villagers not to be afraid but to go about their normal duties.

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