

## 2 Girl, 17, found dead in Ebonyi

**A** 17-year-old girl, Munachi Obasi-Igwe, has been found dead in a bush, along the Agbabor-Isu track road in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi.

A relative of the deceased, Mr Obasi Igwe, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the deceased was a Senior Secondary 1 student. Igwe said that the girl was suspected to have been killed in the evening of Monday.

"She was on her way back to her ancestral home, Amakporo, Onicha community. She was gruesomely murdered on Monday, on her way back to Amakporo, from our neighbouring village, Agbabor Isu.

"We, the family, need justice. The security agencies should come to our aid. We do not know what was her crime that led to her death. She was only 17 years old, an SS 1 student. We need justice. The police and army should help us to fish out the perpetrators of the wicked act," Igwe said.

When contacted, spokesman for the Police Command in Ebonyi, SP Chris Anyanwu, said the command was aware of the incident.

"We are aware of the incident. The command has started an investigation into the matter. I believe the perpetrators will surely be brought to book," he said.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner for Information, Mr Uchenna Orji, said there was no evidence, so far, to link the killing to herdsmen. The commissioner stated that there were no herdsmen residing in the area.

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