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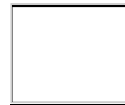
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Angry youths have reportedly murdered a former councillor at Ozziza community in Afikpo North Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, Hon. Monday Agha. Agha was the liaison officer in the state local government system.

He was killed when he went to rescue his brother, Okpara Agha, from

rampaging youths who came to collect a fine of N2,000 for not participating in communal labour.

A resident of the area, Idam Okoche, told our correspondent that the victim was contacted on the phone by his brother, Okpara to come to his rescue but on arrival, an argument ensued which degenerated into a squabble.

He said: “The victim slapped one of the youth with the side of his machete. In reaction, the angry youth overpowered him, took the machete and used it to butcher him. Following the incident, the youth and elders of the area were said to have deserted the community for fear of being arrested.

Some of the even fled to neighbouring communities in Cross River State. The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP George Okafor, who confirmed the incident, noted some policemen were dispatched immediately to the area to maintain law and order.

According to him, the body of deceased had been recovered and deposited in a morgue for autopsy. He said: “Arrests have been made and those arrested so far have started giving the police useful information that will lead to the apprehension of all the suspects. Peace has been restored to the village and we are monitoring the situation. “Those presently on the run won’t run for long, I can assure you that we are going to get them.”

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