

## Tension in Calabar over murder of community leader

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There is palpable tension in Calabar, Cross River State, following the killing of a community leader, known as Chief Raymond Nyong. Nyong was allegedly killed on Saturday morning by a cyclist, who is a taskforce official, along Atu by Murray, in Calabar South.

The death of Nyong has created tension in the area, which has known no peace in the last one year. According to neighbours, Nyong, a father of eight, was also responsible for the six children left behind by his late brother. Nyong left his house around 8a.m. on Saturday with his motorcycle and headed to his wife's shop, which is located at the Bogobiri area of town. He was said to have been accosted and killed by the cyclist, who disappeared. Witnesses said efforts to arrest his assailants proved abortive as the rider sped off in a panic-stricken manner.

Nyong was pronounced dead on arrival at a private hospital. It would be recalled that Nyong's elder brother, was killed about two years ago over the alleged kidnap of a local chief from Esighi in Bakassi. The brother was allegedly killed by men suspected to be militants, who had trailed him. The Cross River State Commissioner of Police, Hafiz Inuwa Mohammed, said he was yet to be briefed about the incident.

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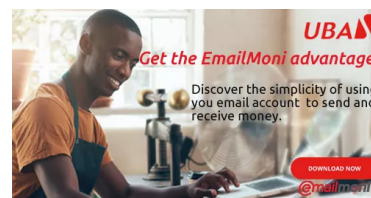


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