

## Man kills brother in Ebonyi

November 27, 2017 Uchenna Inya



Armed men have killed a middle-aged man, Maduka Nworiegu, at Akunakuna village, Amagu in Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. The five armed men were allegedly led by Maduka's brother. The victim was said to have been beaten by his assailants with iron and other dangerous weapons till he gave up the ghost.

This came as a vigilance group at Amudo community in Ezza South Local Government Area of the state, reportedly led by a younger brother of a former House of Representatives member, attacked a 32-yearold man, Emmanuel Nworie, with machete yesterday and inflicted injuries on him. Nworie is currently battling for his life at a health facility, Chidindu Hospital, at Onunwokpuru Akputo in Echara community in the local government area.

In the Amagu Ikwo incident, Maduka's younger brother, Donald Nworiegu, alleged that the assailants dropped the victim's body in his father's house when they discovered that he had died and fled the village.

However, he did not say that the death was politically motivated, as rumour had it that the assailants acted on the bidding of a top politician in the area. Donald said there was no misunderstanding between the two brothers to have warranted such dastardly act, as none of them had complained to him or his father that there was a problem between them. He said: "Our brother hired assassins to kill him. It was our brother... who led the gang that killed him.

The victim is my immediate younger brother. All of us are from the same parents. I was not aware that there was any problem between the two because if there was, my father would have known or even told me. "I was not at home when it happened but my people told me that they beat him with iron and other dangerous weapons and when they discovered that he had died, they kept him in our father's parlour and ran away."

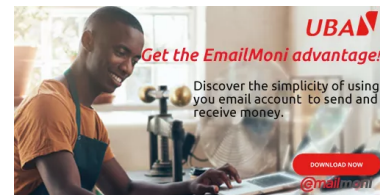
Meanwhile, Nworie is battling for his life after he was attacked by a vigilance group in Amudo. His relation, Charles Nwankwo, told our correspondent that Nworie, who hails from Echara community in Ezza South Local Government Area of the state, was returning from Afikpo where he works when he met the group at Onuokpuru Ikwe in Amudo community. According to him, the vigilantes arrested Nworie and inflicted machete cut injuries on him.

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Nwankwo said Nworie was rushed to the nearest hospital, Chidindu Hospital, at Onunwokpuru Akputo in Echara where he was still receiving treatment. When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Loveth Odaa, said she had not been briefed on the incidents. She said the command would not condone any act of criminality.

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