

Irate youths set man's house ablaze in Ebonyi over student's death

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Irate youths numbering over 30 has burnt down the house of one Ejike Nwegbata following the death of a 20-year-old secondary school girl, Ogechi Aloho who resides at Azuiyiokwu, Enyimagu in Ebonyi State.

The deceased died following a machete cut injury inflicted on her allegedly by Ejike who happens to be a neighbour and the Caretaker of the compound Ogechi resides in with her blind father.

Confirming the incident, the Councillor of Inyimagu Community, Hon Sunday Edigbo said that the suspect has been arrested by men of the State Police Command.

He however denied involvement of youths of the community in the destruction of the suspect's house.

Narrating his ordeal, the father of the deceased, Aloho said that the death of the daughter was as a result of an argument with the suspect.

Aloho an indigene of Ezza North LGA said that trouble started on Sunday,

December 26, 2021 when the suspect warned his children not to fetch water from his well nor play in his sand.

He said, "on hearing the order given by the caretaker, I told one of his children to accompany me to the caretaker's house to inquire why such order was given."

"Unfortunately, the visit didn't go well, as it led to an argument. It was during the cause of the argument that I was told that Ejike Nwegbata brought out his cutlass

to kill me, but my daughter who was there rushed in to save me, and the cutlass landed on her hand."

Aloho said that the suspect after inflicting the injury on her refused to take her to hospital for medical attention rather it was the Councillor who did.

He noted that it was when her situation became critical that the suspect took her to the specialist hospital where she died three days later

We are not at war with our neighbours- Ebonyi community

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The people of Ukawu community in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, yesterday denied reports alleging that the community was at war with their neighbours in Ishinkwo community.

They also dismissed as false reports that four persons from the community were killed by suspected warlords from Ishinkwo.

There were reports that victims of internal communal war between Abaomege

and Ishinkwo communities in Onicha Local Government Area of the state were from Ukawu. But Ukawu people in a reaction said the community had never engaged in a war with their neighbours.

Youth Leader of the community, Mr Monday Ugochukwu, told newsmen that his community was at peace with their neighbors.

He clarified that the skirmishes were actually between two of their neighbors, Abaomege and Ishinkwo.

He described the reports as misleading and capable of causing tension and an