

Tension in Okuama as arrested community leader dies in military detention

There is apprehension in Okuama, Ughelli South LGA of Delta State, over the death of the President General of the community, Pa James Oghoroko, in military detention.

Oghoroko is one of the leaders arrested by the Nigerian military since August 2024 over the killing of 17 soldiers.

Late Oghoroko was arrested alongside Prof Arthur Ekepeko, Chief Belvis Adogbo, Dennis Okugbaye, Pa Anthony Ahwemuria and Mrs Rita Akata between August 18 and 20, 2024, and had remained in detention since.

The news of his death was

revealed by leaders of Okuama during an emergency meeting held in the community yesterday.

It was also revealed that Pa Dennis Okugbaye, another community leader in the military detention, is sick.

The report of Oghoroko's death raised tensions in the community, with the family and other residents thrown into mourning.

Angry community youths were seen with long faces discussing the tragedy.

The community had approached a Federal High Court in Delta State to secure the release of Oghoroko and the other detainees.