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Man Kills Three Persons in Ebonyi

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Tragedy Wednesday struck at Isu in Onicha Local Government Area of Ebonyi State as a middle aged man, Mr. Emeka Okoro, from Agbabor-Isu, allegedly killed three persons in the area.

Confirming the incident, the Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Chris Anyanwu, said though he was yet to get the details of the act, signals from the Onicha Police Division indicated that the suspect had been arrested and detained at the police station.

THISDAY gathered that there is growing tension in the area but the PPRO said a team of policemen from the command headquarters would be deployed to the community immediately to forestall any break down of law and order.

Source from the community who pleaded anonymity, said the suspect, Emeka, recently returned from Lagos before he allegedly committed the dastardly act.

In a telephone Interview, the Coordinator of Onicha Development Centre, Hon Ogonnaya Igboke, who also confirmed the incident, said the victims included one Mr. Peter Awoke from Umuniko Isu, Mr. Sunday Nwaigwe also from Umuniko Isu and Mr. Ega of Agbabo. Igboke disclosed that the suspect first attacked Mr. Sunday Nwigwe, a local cattle rarer in his farm while feeding his cattle at about 2p.m. on Tuesday when the suspect attacked and killed him.

He added that two other deceased witnessed the incident and screamed but on trying to escape, the suspect chased and killed them.

The Coordinator noted that immediately the suspect was arrested by the police from the Divisional Headquarters, tension grew in the community as villages and relations of the deceased attempted to take hold of the suspects and lynch him.

He stated that corpses of the deceased had been deposited at the Onicha General Hospital mortuary.

Meanwhile, Ebonyi State Coordinator of Centre for Democracy (CD), Mr. Ogonnaya Onu, has called on the security agencies especially the police, to ensure proper investigation of the crime so that the perpetrator would be brought to book.

Onu regretted the dastardly act, adding that the high level of unemployment and frustration led to such act and urged the state Governor, Chief Martin Elechi, to create job opportunities for the teeming youths in the state.

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