

# How assassins butchered Cross River community chair

*\*Cut off genitals, breast, ear; throw body into river*

*\*Somebody should wake me from this nightmare, widow cries*

*\*Family fingers community leaders*

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**K**ATCHAUN IRRUAN—PEACE has taken flight from Katchaun Irrun community in Boki Local Government Area, Cross River State, since September 30, when suspected contract killers gruesomely executed the chair of the community, Mr. Kyrien Agbor Onabe, cut

up his body and threw it into the river.

The executioners, who trailed the father of two, in his 40s, to his cocoa farm, squeezed the life out of him before they cut off his genitals, left breast and part of his left ear. The body parts are still missing at press time.

There was speculation, when *Niger Delta Voice* visited the remote community, that the killer-gang also killed

a non-indigene, who rushed to the scene on hearing the cry for help by the deceased.

Onabe, loved by the villagers for his single-mindedness, restoration of peace and normal livelihood to the area, reportedly had a rough time with a group of greedy community leaders and criminals, who he allegedly stopped from looting the community's internally generated revenue.

The community, resident said, witnessed a new lease of life after he assumed office in May, but his antagonists hate his guts.

A security source, who hinted at attempts to impede investigations, said that police have made several arrests and the matter transferred from the Division to the State Criminal Investigations Department of the Cross River Police Headquarters, Uyo, in a bid to