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By Jimitota Onoyume

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PORT HARCOURT—

GUNmen have murdered

an aide of Tai Local
Government Caretaker
Committee Chairman in
Ogoni area of Rivers State.

Sources said the late Soka
Nnamani was going about

inspection of arrangements
to mark this year's
Independence Day
Anniversary when the five

assailants drove towards
him and opened fire on
him.

The Chairman of the
Council, Etho Mba could
not be reached for
comments.

Meanwhile, some people

in the area blamed the development on political rivalry.
They said as the local government election draws near
tension had heightened in the area over who becomes the
next Council boss.

Meanwhile, the Center for Environment, Human Rights
and Development (CEHRD), a non governmental
organisation has urged youths in Ogoni and other parts
of the Niger Delta to shun violence as a means of settling
conflicts.

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Handing down the appeal while commissioning Information Technology Center in Kpite, a community in Ogoni, Director of the NGO, Mr. Derrick Marco expressed hope that the information centre would create jobs and enlightenment in the area.

Continuing, he pleaded with the youths to see violence as a very destructive tool just as he urged them to make good use of the information centre. He said as a group they were very disturbed by the level of crime in the region.

In his respond, the traditional ruler of the community, Chief Samuel Nnee, the Gbaramene Tuatua of Kpite clan described the project as a window of employment and development. He assured that the area would take advantage of the project even as he graciously thanked the NGO for the initiative.

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