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Police, community on war path over alleged killing

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By Anayo Okoli

Umuahia— ABIA State Police Command, yesterday maintained its ground that the four men killed by its men on Monday, at Ntigha in Isiala Ngwa on the Enugu-Aba-Port Harcourt Express way, were criminal suspects until the command completes its investigation.

The police position came on a day the Amuzukwu community, the home of one of the slain men, Mr Chibueze Ibezim, protested the killing of their son, whom they said was not a criminal. Two of the slain men, were from Ibeku in Umuahia, one from Ngwa land while the policeman was said to be a native of Taraba State.

Those killed were Chibueze Ibezim, about 36 years; a trader, Mr. Nlewe Azunna, about 40, a panel beater with five children; Mr. Innocent Punjab, about 30 and a motor mechanic, as well as Aki Imade, a police constable attached to a hotel in Umuahia, who escorted the vehicle in which the men rode.

The police had on Monday, said that its men killed four suspected criminals as part of its effort to rid the state of criminals and had gone ahead to parade their corpses before newsmen.

Meanwhile, Mr. Emmanuel Ibezim, Chibueze's father has called on the police to carry out a thorough investigation into the killing, to ensure that the policemen who killed the innocent citizens were brought to book.

Also, both the traditional ruler of Amuzukwu, Eze Onyebuchi Ugwu, the traditional Prime Minister of the Ibeku Kingdom, chief Uche Akukwuegbu and the member representing Umuahia Central in the Abia State House of Assembly, had expressed shock over the killing of the men. They all blamed the police, saying that they were reckless in their use of guns.

Speaking at different occasions, they condemned the killing and testified that the slain citizens were not criminals but people known to them and who were engaged in legitimate means of livelihood. They called for a thorough investigation into the killings, to ensure that the policemen were brought to book.

Akukwuegbu, also accused the Mobile Policemen from Mopol 55 based in Nsulu, of being reckless, alleging that they almost killed him and his wife recently.

But the police through its spokesman, Mr. Ali Okechukwu said the police would not shift grounds on its position for now, until investigation was completed because according to him, the "policemen acted based the challenging situation of the moment".

Okechukwu, however, said that based on the claim of Mr. Chimobi, who said that the men were his people, the Police Commissioner, Mr. Jonathan Johnson, had ordered an investigation into the killings and called on interested parties to exercise patience while the investigation is rounded up.



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1. *Mr.Jark dudu.* says:

[October 23, 2009 at 6:07 pm](#)

People of Abia God own state Nigeria while our good people are been apprehended by killing always by the policemen especially Umuahia.what is going on there please.in-fart no more police again.

Those policemen are fools at 40, they most join them by killing those guys.from ibeku,Why those police men in umuahia are Tu rude baster ed people that called them seft's police while some of them that call as police suppose working inside push so that they can be killing animals instead of killing nice people.

Best Regards Mr. Ali okechukwu for your word's

I' believe that those police men will not go free.i suspect that they are police amruber working as police men damaging the image of entire government in Nigeria government most look into this sad news.so that such thing can not happen again.

Mr.Jark dudu
nigerian citzin base in U.S.A

2. [Governor](#) says:
[October 23, 2009 at 4:57 pm](#)

It is better that we don't even have police rather than having those killers who have not only been killing for 20 and now started to shoot like in Monrovia.

I am sure that one day, justice must be unveiled to both employee and employer, I wonder how God created one person so that other will die through or for him.

Christ died for us, we did not die for him, let it be sound to the world that these monsters and blood suckers use the areas of Isiala Ngwa for their selfish identification while the dwellers of the appealing site of Ngwa Land know nothing to account for in this gesture.

To hell with them who want to be used for they shall be used, woo on to them blood suckers for they shall never have a son in their life and if there shall be any thing called re-incarnation, they shall return as goats, chickens and sheep while their owners will not even slay them on xmas or Sundays rather at every meal.

Let vultures open their eyes to see the eyes in the skull of those police, God shall pay them back with immediate effect if those souls are innocent and if really they are, am sure that when a thief starts killing while he or she is a thief, let him or she know and bear in mind that his or her days are very short.

Aboki Igbo Police (Mohammed Okechukwu Ali), think about your self very well because it is due to this same killing that no body can identify your basic origin but God Knows, Chima, check ur self well cos we heard 8 in 5yrs, may be next time, u will increase and grow x2 then will be the balance of the people? Akwukwaegbu, be very careful this year, God knows all happy and crying souls but the eye can only see what it can, Onyebuchi, put your eyes on the ground to see if are there no more bloods calling ur name, housemaster, God has his invisible microscope and watches all what you mongers do and shall fill ur mouths with naira when u shall power no more, please send my message to Anti-Mary mother of the Anti-Christ also extend it to Anti-Christ her son and to their maid Anti-Mandela who they have given their staff in Sodom and Gomorra of Anambara State.

3. [Igwe](#) says:
[October 23, 2009 at 10:37 am](#)

Why should this happen always, the same incident took place in Lagos, where this Policemen killed innocent boys on the Nigerian day of independence, why must we have this untrained people work as policemen?

4. [Oruore Muhammad](#) says:
[October 22, 2009 at 6:30 pm](#)

Mr. Ali Okechukwu should not be economical with the fact, I wonder what kind of spoke person he is. This is a man whom I believe knows what constitute a Suspect and a criminal . Someone who should rather know that it is only a court of law that proclaim someone a criminal not the Nigerian Police force.

Those Police officer who killing those young men must not go unpunished. A separate investigation team should be set up by the Abia state government to look into the circumstances that led to the killing.

God save Nigerian from these monsters called the mobile police.

5. [Victor](#) says:
[October 22, 2009 at 4:27 pm](#)

Am afraid of this our country Naigeria, the people that are supposed to protect us are now attacking us. Only God will save us from their hand.

6. [PASTOR PRINCE UDOCHUKWU NJOKU](#) says:
[October 22, 2009 at 1:54 pm](#)

Thank u, Mr. Ali okechukwu. If nobody had laid claim to the men, there would be no investigation, eh? I hope the investigation ur commissioner, Mr Johnson, ordered would not go like that of the "Apo 6" that has lasted over 6 years. While we encourage our policemen to resolutely confront criminals, we advise them to be very careful and take steps to confirm identities of UNARMED persons they meet at odd times and places. If mobile policemen do not give account of how they spend live ammunition assigned to them, which may be why they often shoot recklessly, they must not forget that they shall give account to God ultimately. The truth about anything a person does

here on earth can be hidden from people, but it cannot be hidden from God. When we carelessly shed blood, we must REMEMBER THIS GOD'S WORD: "...all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." – Matthew 26:52

7. [Kotoko](#) says:
[October 22, 2009 at 1:43 pm](#)

Police Commissioner in this area should arrest this ugly situation immediately before it gets out of control. Most of the police problems often starts with a few erratic misbehaviours with few elements of the community and spreads all over to police batching and community hate of the entire police. How can the police effect their services when logged head-on with the same people they were hired to serve and protect ? There is no justifications of killing innocent people and covering-up the injustice. Caution, Police is making a very grave error and it might back-fire when the police are being individually attacked or denied co-operation for genuine investigations. Review this matter now.

8. [Egbo chukwuebuka](#) says:
[October 22, 2009 at 1:14 pm](#)

Nigerian police should as a matter of urgency stop their incessant killing of young,hardworking Nigerians.Many of such incidents happens daily and is carpetedb by this trigger loving murderers called Nigerian police.GOD HELP US .

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