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30-year-old man lynched over collection of devt levy

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By Festus Ahon

RESIDENTS of Ughelli metropolis in Delta State have been thrown into confusion, following the lynching of a 30-year-old man over dispute resulting from the collection of development levy.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased, whose name was simply given as Godspower, was killed at about 4pm by the “deve” collectors, while working at the construction site belonging to Dotie Street branch of the Christ Apostle Church.

An eye witnessed told Vanguard that the levy collectors, numbering about five, stormed the construction site and demanded for payment of development levy from those working at the site.

The eye witnesses, who sought anonymity, said heated argument broke out when the deceased told the collectors that the development levy had already been paid by the pastor of the church to some of their youths.

According to the source, the levy collectors who had declared that the payment was made to wrong hands, started beating the deceased with clubs.

The source said the deceased, who only got married last year to his pregnant wife, slumped and died before he could get any medical attention.

The source further disclosed that one of the suspected assailants was apprehended and handed over to the

police in the Ughelli ‘A’ Division, while the others absconded.

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When people are stressed-out, with extreme poverty looming around and Christmas by the corner, people seems to take the Law into their own hands. The result of public anger on money matters is the ugly result of this incidence. Police or Military may not always be on hand when issue starts only arrive after damage has occurred. Nigerians need Court Ordered Anger Management program

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The Ovie of Ughelli and the Local Govt chairman is aware of this Illegal Deve collection from land developers. If they are not involved they would have made some attempts to stop it. A small community called Ughelli with so many illegal levy collections. The House of assembly should direct the Local govt chairman to stop these illegal collections. collections.

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