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the death were still sketchy at press time, but the State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. Charles Muka, told our reporter, yesterday, that "it is true

that the corps member drowned in the River Niger. He was posted to Oko community and his clothes were found on the bank of the river."

Also confirming the incident, the INEC's Chief Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Livy Unuibe, said "the Commission is aware of the tragic incident."

35-year-old man killed in reprisal attack

BY FESTUS AHON

UGHELLI—UGHELLI North Local Government Area, Delta State, was, yesterday, thrown into confusion, following the killing of a 35 year old man in a reprisal attack.

Vanguard gathered that the deceased died immediately after being clubbed by his assailants on the head.

According to a reliable source, the suspected assailants vented their anger on the deceased, whose

name was given as Thomas, saying that he played a role in the arrest of their associate a fortnight ago by the police.

The source who pleaded anonymity, said the deceased was a driver of an 18-seater bus belonging to the suspected assailants' mother, adding, "two weeks ago, the deceased asked his mother to give him some money to set up a barbing salon but the mother refused. He then threatened to set his mother's house ablaze if his request was not granted.

"The mother because of the threat did not want to leave anything to chance, so she asked Thomas and some of his friends to prevail on the suspected culprit to desist from his planned line of action. The suspect was later arrested," the source added.

Community threatens showdown with Hausa/Fulani herdsmen

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the destruction of their main sources of livelihood for ten years running.

The threat is contained in a petition to the state Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, by their counsel, Chief P. Wanogho and copied to security agencies in the state.

The people whose main occupation is large scale farming and fishing have several hectares of arable land where cassava, yams,

potatoes, okra, pepper, groundnuts among others are planted, while they also have thousands of hectares of land for their numerous fish ponds.

According to the petition, for over ten years running, "the Hausa/Fulani herdsmen have flagrantly, violently and criminally graze their cattle on these same lands with impunity and even claiming ownership of same."