

Community petitions Police Commission over death of 26

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WARRI — IRRRI community in Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State has petitioned the Police Service Commission over the killing of about 26 persons in a power tussle by a killer gang, allegedly formed by a former leader of the town.

The community in the petition, alleged that a senior police officer (names withheld) was shielding the sponsor of the killer gang from prosecution.

It also alleged that the Assistant Inspector General of Police, AIG, Zone 5, Benin City had been compromised and should hands off all Irri cases for justice to prevail.

Vanguard gathered that the community had

already initiated contempt proceedings against the Inspector General of Police, AIG, Benin City, Mr. Joshua Uturu and others before a Delta State High Court sitting in Oleh, over alleged disobedience to an earlier order of the court.

According to the community: "There are

over 26 corpses deposited at various mortuaries all over Isoko land and neighboring urban communities while the principal suspect was arrested and charged to court, but six of the 13 persons recommended for trail jumped bail and are now at large."

They said that a senior

police officer stopped men of the Force Criminal Investigation Department, FCID, Lagos from arraigning the suspects in court and took them to a police station in Benin City under the guise of further investigation, after which they were released.

UN House blast aimed at rubbing Jonathan —Ikwerre monarchs

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PORT HARCOURT — THE Ikwerre Traditional Rulers Council, Rivers State, has urged the Federal Government to get to the root of the bomb blast, which rocked the UN building in Abuja. The traditional rulers want sponsors of the heinous crime, fished out with a view to punishing and stamping

out the embarrassing act

Chairman of the council, King Frank Eke, told newsmen, in Port Harcourt, yesterday, that the crime was primarily targeted at rubbing the image of the Federal Government and administration of President Goodluck Jonathan.

Eke said it would not be enough to arrest the agents of the blast but that "the sponsors are the major culprits, who will

stop at nothing but continue to initiate the act of terrorism, which has caused great pain to the people and country."

He said: "We trust the police and other security agencies because we know they possess the ability to pick them out wherever they may be hiding. We know that with thorough investigations and commitment, the sponsors would be fished out."