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Delta community protests killing of 38-yr-old leader

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UGHELLI—Hundreds of residents and indigenes of Oteri in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, weekend, took to the streets to protest alleged extra-judicial killing of the vice chairman of the community, Mr. Blessing Unuesefe.

The protesters carried placards with inscriptions such as: “We want the police to investigate the matter to a logical conclusion”, “There was no shoot-out as claimed by the Police and Bakassi”, “We demand the release of the corpse of our vice chairman, Blessing Unuesefe.”

They appealed to Delta State government and Commissioner of Police to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Speaking on behalf of the protesters, chairman and secretary of the community, Mr. Uteme Bateren and Dominic Egbonodje respectively, said though the community did not condone any form of criminality, the position of things surrounding the killing of the 38-year-old Blessing Unuesefe called for proper investigation by the authorities.

They said: “As a community, anyone who tries to hide under the guise of the community executive would be unmasked; hence if he is found wanting, as a community, we would move on.

“But till that is ascertained, rather than making unsubstantiated allegations, security agents should unravel the puzzle that has been created following his death.”

Demanding the remains of the deceased, a representative of the elders’ council of the community, Mr. Johnson Umukoro said: “We are not questioning the authorities for doing their job, but according to the law, you can’t kill a suspect in cold blood without investigating him and abscond with his remains, that is like taking us back to the military era.”

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