



## REPRISAL ATTACK:

# Youths kill, bury *Okada* rider in Rivers community

*\*Tension mounts as Ogbakiri natives flee Emohua*  
*\*They've killed our son —Heartbroken couple*

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**O**GBAKIRI-UNIDENTIFIED persons suspected to be youths of Rumuokani village, Ogbakiri community, Emohua Local Government Area, Rivers State, have allegedly assassinated and buried a 21-year-old commercial motorcyclist, Progress Onuekwa, an indigene of Rumuche community, in what appears to be retaliation for

last month's brutal murder of their kinsman, late Daniel Odi, a security guard with Emohua council.

Niger Delta Voice exclusively reported in its May 19 edition how heartless killers of Odi, a father of 12 children, pulled out his two eyes and cut-off his ear and the escalating tension between Ogbakiri and Emohua people over the incident.

We learned that last Friday, Onuekwa carried passengers to Ogbakiri community, but

has not returned since then to tell his story. A source said efforts made so far to locate his whereabouts remain fruitless.

However, his father, Mr. Mbadiwe Emmanuel Onuekwa, told Niger Delta Voice that youths of Rumuokani have already killed his son, Progress.

He said has it on good authority that that his son had been killed, adding the concern of his family now was how to retrieve his remains.

### Fresh tension

The latest killing has ignited palpable tension between Ogbakiri and Emohua communities, as people from the two areas have put themselves at arm's length.

Ogbakiri villagers resident in Emohua have taken flight back to their home for fear of

attack.

The grief-stricken father stated, "Progress left the house on Friday, May 22. As an *Okada* rider, he did not return up to 9.00 pm, which was unusual. When I asked his sister where he was, she told me that Progress has not yet come back. I marvelled that Progress has not yet returned until that time. He has never stayed outside until such time.

"I have to call his number to find out where he was but his number was switched off. I took my motorcycle and went to one of his friends. I went to the Emohua Junction around 11.00 pm but I did not see him.

"In the morning, I have to call my relatives to tell them that I have not seen my son,

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