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## Youths protest alleged killings, kidnappings by cult group in Delta

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**ASABA**—SAPELE youths numbering over 50, have stormed the streets of Asaba, the capital city of Delta State, protesting the alleged killings, arson and kidnappings by *White Ladders* cult group in Sapele.

The youths, who defiled the heavy rainfall besieged the Ministry of Justice, where they presented a petition to the Department of Public Prosecution, DPP.

They carried placards with different inscriptions, such as; “Stop this bribe DPP Boss,” “DPP prosecute the killers of our brothers from Okirighwre community in Sapele,” “We cry to the IG to come to our aid and rescue us from the hands of cult group, *White Ladders*,” among others.

Accusing the DPP of being compromised to shield and grant the suspects bail, they alleged that the leader of the *White Ladder*’ cult group (names withheld), had made lives unbearable for many of them, decrying that they had been chased out of Sapele since 2009.

The spokesman of the youths, Mr Gabriel Omofeye, said the protest was to draw government attention to their situation, lamenting that their lives was in great danger following the purported plan by the DPP to release three arrested suspected cultists currently in detention in Sapele prison.

Omofeye alleged that all the killings, arson and kidnapping that had taken place since 2009 in Okirighwre community in Sapele were masterminded by the cult leader (names withheld), who had also chased them out of the community for refusing to join his cult group.

He listed some of the people allegedly killed by the cult leader in 2009 to include Mr. Tikawayie Akpojevughe, Oghenebrorhine Tetebe and Tony Kajagbor, decrying that the suspected cult leader was being shielded by some powerful politicians in the area.

He appealed to the DPP not to release those arrested in connection with the killings on bail for security reasons, lamenting that if released they will come after them refusing to join the cult group.

Addressing the protesters, an official of the Ministry of Justice in Department of DPP, Mr Champion Umukoro denied the allegation that DPP was given N5 million to shield arrested suspected cultists and thanked the protesters for conducting themselves in an orderly manner.

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