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Women besiege Delta govt house over children's detention

●They're held for murder—POLICE

By Festus Ahon

ASABA—OVER 1,000 women from Issele-Azagba town in Aniocha North Local Government Area, Delta State, yesterday, besieged the state government house, Asaba, protesting the continuous detention of four members of the community vigilante by the Police.

The women carried placards with inscription such as "The youths are the future of tomorrow," "We need our youths, children, husband back to us" and "We need our security back."

They stormed Asaba metropolis with over 10 buses and a lorry, insisting they were not going anywhere until the detained vigilante members were released.

Speaking on behalf of the protesters, who had earlier gone to the state House of Assembly and Police Command, Mrs. Joy Owefe said the detained vigilante members were arrested by police in the course

Owefe said: "About three weeks ago, the Principal of Issele-Azagba Mixed Secondary School said there were gunshots around the school and called the vigilante When the vigilante got there, they searched the area and found three persons dead in the bush.

"While they were there, police came and arrested them and the Principal, saying they were responsible for the death of the three persons. The Principal has since been released, the boys are still being held by the police." Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Celestina Kalu, said the three persons were being held for murder, adding that there has been a land dispute between Utulu and Issele-Azagba.

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