

by a magistrate, penalties were equally prescribed in the proposed law.

Man killed attempting to cut down tree in Ebonyi

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EFFIUM community in Ohaukwu Local Government area of Ebonyi State, was yesterday thrown into confusion, following the killing of one Ndubuisi Nwali by forest guards over alleged attempt to cut down economic trees in the area.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that squabble started when some forest guards allegedly killed the victim who hailed from Nwekendiagu village for merely attempting to cut down economic tree at a forest reserve in the area.

According to a source, the youths of Nwekendiagu village as a result of the killing decided to launch a reprisal attack on another community which was immediately foiled by the police and the prompt intervention of the Chairman, Caretaker Committee of Ohaukwu Local Government area, Barr. Clement Odah.

Contacted, the Council Chairman, Odah who confirmed the incident stated that the police had established their presence sufficiently in the area as investigations were on to ascertain the true cause of the ugly incident.

Female prison officer arrested as