

2 killed in renewed leadership tussle in Delta community

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UGHELLI—TWO persons have been reportedly killed in Owevwen community, Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State in what locals attributed to a renewed leadership tussle rocking the community.



Those killed are Moses Idudje and Prince Vote Ariakpore, who is said to be a younger brother to the traditional head of the community.

Though the Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Andrew Aniamaka, could not confirm the incident when contacted, a police source at the Ughelli 'B' Police Division confirmed the incident.

The source said: “The matter was reported at the station today (Wednesday) and we have since begun investigation into the incident.

“I can assure you that the police would leave no stone unturned in ensuring that we get to the root of this matter and bringing the culprits to book.”

Giving details of the incident, a member of the Owevwen community executive disclosed that the victims had embarked on an errand to another community to give an unspecified sum of money to a lawyer and were on their way back when they were ambushed.

The community executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: “Following the alarm raised by Vote’s wife, a search party made up of youths from the community combed the surrounding bushes only to discover their remains and the motorcycle they used for the trip by a pond in the bush.

“At the scene where their bodies were discovered, we also found empty bullet shells used in shooting them.

“For some time now, there has been a leadership tussle in the community with Vote threatened to be killed at one of the meetings he attended with the President General of the community.”