

Land dispute: Delta community raises alarm over killing of indigene Look elsewhere for his killers — PG



By Ochuko Akuopha

OLEH—INDIGENES of Igside community, Isoko South Local Government Area, Delta State, have alleged the kidnap and killing of their son, Mr Edumedia Egborah, by the people of neighbouring Okpolo - Enhwe community over a protracted dispute.

However, President General of Okpolo-Enhwe community, Mr Akpode Odiri, denied the allegation, saying "They should look elsewhere. Maybe, it is another community that they are having crisis with that killed their person. It is not from our angle at all."

The feuding communities have been embroiled in the dispute for over two decades, a development

that had led to the loss of lives and destruction of properties in the areas.

Narrating the ordeal of his family, elder brother to the deceased, Sir Charles Egborah said Edumedia, a 51-year-old father of 11 children, had been reported missing since April 1, 2020, adding that the man went to his farm at Otokpokpo, behind Owodokpokpo Grammar School on the fateful day but failed to return home at the close of the day's work.

Saying that efforts of a search party organised by the community to search for his brother did not yield any fruitful result, adding that the matter was reported at the Oleh police station.

He alleged that a few days later, news spread to the town that his brother

was kidnapped and killed by people of Okpolo Enhwe community who had laid ambush in the bush.

On his part, President General of Okpolo-Enhwe community, Mr Akpode Odiri said, "Normally, when an Igside person comes to our bush, we will call the person and hand him over to them untouched, without harming the person. We don't have the culture of killing our neighbours. We extend hands of fellowship to our neighbours."

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the State command, Onome Onowakpoyeya said someone had "made a phone call to the Divisional Police Officer of the Oleh division that someone was missing

and he told him to come to the division to lodge an official complain."

Edo 2020: Group ticket

By Ozioruva Aliu

BENIN CITY—A socio-political group in Edo state, Safe Edo Movement and Governor Godwin Obaseki of the state, yesterday, engaged in a war of words over allegation that Obaseki was attempting to blackmail the National Chairman of the All Progressives Congress, APC, Mr Adams Oshiomhole to give him a second term ticket.

A statement by the President of the group, Chris Ethuakhor advised Oshiomhole not to give in to such blackmail, adding that the governor has "failed to meet the standard