

Continuation of the matter.

One killed as Delta LG council boss imposes curfew on community

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1 CHAIRMAN of Ethiopia East Local Government Area, Delta State, Mr. Victor Ofobrukueta, yesterday, imposed 6a.m. to 6p.m. curfew on Okpara community and its environs following the killing of an indigene by vigilante team.

It was learned that the vigilante team had claimed that the deceased, identified as Gardaffi, was a member of a suspected robbery gang terrorising the community, but sympathisers, who are mainly women and youths that protested in the community and later went to the council secretarial, said the deceased was innocent.

Ofobrukueta, who addressed the protesters at Okpara community, called for calm, saying the situation was being taken care of.

He said he was surprised when he got a call that they had burnt the casket shop belonging to the vigilante chairman, his property, two motorcycles and also attempted burning the vigilante Chairman father's house but stopped their actions considering the facts that there were tenants in the compound.

Ofobrukueta said: "When I realised the level the protesters were going, I had to invite men of the Nigerian Army and police to calm the situation and imposed curfew from 6a.m. to 6p.m. in the community while the council finds a lasting solution to the issue."