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Fear, panic as Ebonyi community discovers 3 corpses on farmland

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ABAKALIKI—THREE dead bodies were yesterday discovered along a farmland in Amaeze, Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

A top police officer at the Ivo Division of the Nigeria Police, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the incident.

The source said: "We got a distress call from the chairman of Amaeze community about the discovery of three fresh dead bodies on a farmland at the border between Amaeze and Lokpa community."

"The Divisional Police Officer mobilised officers to the scene of the crime and recovered the three bodies which have been deposited at a morgue

in Ishiagu."

Also, the Chairman of Amaeze Community Development Union, Mr Monday Okorie, who confirmed the incident in a chat with newsmen in Abakaliki, said some women, who went to the farm, stumbled on the decaying bodies of the victims.

According to him, information about the incident is still sketchy but added that the incident had been reported to the police.

He said the bodies were discovered at 'Uzohu', farmland along the borders of Ishiagu and Lokpa community in Abia State.

The community leader stated that two of the dead victims, Mr Anthony Orji and Ogonna Ngwu, former Youth President of the community, were from Amaeze.

●Victim went to farm Sunday but did not return
— Elder brother

He said: "I was alerted by some community women who were going to their farms early this morning (yesterday) about the discovery of three bodies at a farmland at the border between our community and Lokpa community in Abia State.

"I immediately made contact with the Ivo Division of the Nigeria Police and also mobilised our youths, who went with the police and recovered the bodies.

"We cannot, for now, ascertain the real cause, motive or those behind the killing of these our vibrant youths.

"The entire community is in deep shock and mourning and I'm calling on the police and other security agencies to do everything within the ambits of

the law to fish out the killers."

Okorie said the victims were said to have gone to work on Sunday but were not seen by their families before the news about the discovery of their bodies broke out this morning (yesterday).

He added that the corpses had been deposited at a morgue in Ishiagu General Hospital for autopsy and necessary investigation.

Elder brother to one of the slain victims, Mr Cym Orji, also confirmed the incident, saying the victim went to the farm on Sunday but did not return.

"It's true. Tony was among those killed by yet to be identified person or persons; Tony's body has been deposited in a morgue," he said.

Efforts to speak with Mrs Loveth Odah, Police Public Relations Officer, Ebonyi Command, were not successful.

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