

4 killed over disputed land in C/River community

CALABAR—A disputed family land at Odupkani Effiwat community in Odupkani Local Government Area of Cross River State has claimed the lives of four people.

The victims: Effiom Eyamba, 55; Samuel Eyamba, 35; Efiong Eyamba, 22 and Ekpeyong Ekpeyong, were reportedly killed by persons suspected to be rival family members over the disputed land.

They were allegedly forced to ingest herbicide after a thorough beating over the disputed parcel of land, which also encapsulated a palm estate.

Obed Eyamba, who demanded justice, said he lost three of his brothers and their friend who accompanied them on the journey.

Also, the mother of one of the deceased, Mrs Marta Ekpeyong, said her 35-year-old son, Ekpeyong, who had been a childhood friend to the Eyambas, never came back home since June 27.

She said she received the shocking news when she heard that he was killed alongside his friends whom he accompanied to the village.

She appealed to the Police, Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice in Cross River State to assist her as she had no one to get justice for her.

Cross River State Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Ewa Igri, who also confirmed the killings said six persons had been arrested in connection with the deaths.

The police spokesperson, however, called for patience while the police conclude the investigation on the matter.