

Family of man killed by naval personnel cries to Gov Otti

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UMUAHIA- The family of Nkemijika Nwogu popularly known as 'Majo', who was killed by a naval personnel at Umunkpeyi Mbawsi, Isiala Ngrwa North Local Government Area of Abia State, has cried out to Governor Alex Otti, demanding justice for the deceased.

Nwogu, in his early 30s and hailed from Ntigha Okpuala village, was shot dead by a naval personnel at a checkpoint on Umuezegwu-Mbawsi road in Isiala Ngrwa North council, after an alleged altercation with the naval men in the area.

Vanguard gathered that at press time, the Abia State government was yet to make any statement on the incident.

However, the Director of Naval Information, Naval Headquarters, Rear Admiral Ayo-Vaughan, told *Vanguard* that investigations were ongoing to unravel the circumstances that led to the incident.

A member of the family, Elder Chikaeze Orji, lamented that the deceased whom he described as an easy going person had his life cut short, leaving his wife, who is a nursing mother, children, siblings and aged father.

He said the naval personnel had no reason to kill Nkemijika because the deceased neither had an offensive weapon nor was struggling for the gun as the naval authorities alleged.

The family called on Governor Otti to ensure that justice was done on the matter.