

Community leader killed, set ablaze in Delta



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ASABA— TENSION has heightened in the oil-rich Obodougwa-Ogume, Ndokwa West Local Government Area, Delta State, as former Community Development Committee, CDC, Chairman of the community, Anselm Oyibo, was reportedly macheted to death and set ablaze by unknown assailants.

It was learned that his charred remains were found alongside his motorcycle at Obodougwa Ogume junction along Kwale-Obiaruku Road on Monday.

Police Public Relations Officer of the State Police Command, Mr. Bright Edele, confirmed the killing, yesterday.

Dependable sources said the deceased left his Kwale residence about 11.30 p.m., on Sunday after he received a telephone call and never returned home.

It could, however, not be ascertained if the killing was connected with the protracted leadership tussle that had engulfed the community, a development that led to the burning of 16 houses two months ago.

Speaking, yesterday, on the development, a source in the community said the deceased suddenly woke up from his bed just before midnight and said he was going out.

The source said: "He said they should open the gate for him that he was going somewhere. When he was asked where he was going at that time of the night, he said 'I am coming, I am coming.'

"He started his motorcycle and brought out his phone and started answering a call. He is married to two wives, so it was felt that he was going to his second wife's place. The next morning, he didn't return, so his second wife was called and she said he didn't spend the night at her place.

"His phone was called, it rang for sometime and after a while it was no longer connecting. Later, information came that someone was killed in our junction and was burnt with his motorcycle."