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Abia monarch cries out over killing of subjects by cultists

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UMUAHIA—THE Eze Ibom Eriti and Ibom Isii of Arochukwu, ancient kingdom, Abia State, HRM Mazi Amos Ngwu Egbu Okoro, has cried out over the continued gruesome attacks on his subjects by cultists.

The monarch, who addressed a press conference in Umuahia over the sad development, said the entire community had been living in fear as a result of the activities of cultists in the area.

Eze Okoro, who said some of his subjects had been gruesomely murdered and others maimed by the

cultists demanded justice for the victims.

He solicited urgent intervention from Governor Alex Otti, alleging that security agencies have failed to come to the rescue of the community despite petitions against the perpetrators.

The monarch said the community was willing to mention the names of the perpetrators if the government and security agencies were ready to take action.

Eze Okoro, who described the insecurity in his community as precarious, said urgent action was needed to protect his subjects.

He said: "Our children are killed

unprovoked by those who are supposed to protect their own in society. Yes, as a king, I can't cry but my heart bleeds because both the oppressed and the oppressors are my children.

"The attack and eventual death of Mazi Kboy Okereke, the gruesome murder of Chinedum Ezumah Ukwu in front of his twin brother by his kinsmen, are undesired.

"The essence of this press briefing is among other things, to seek justice, which the victims have not got all these years."

He called for the arrest of the perpetrators and their sponsors for peace to be restored to the community.