

Delta community laments murder of APC stalwart, demand justice

THE people of Issele-Azagba in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State, yesterday, bemoaned the murder of their son, a businessman and stalwart of the All Progressives Congress, APC, Paul Ofor, by unknown assailants.

The community while addressing newsmen at Issele-Azagba, said late Ofor was murdered December 10, 2024, in his office at Issele-Azagba, Benin-Asaba Expressway junction.

They called for justice, adding that he was an ex-officio member and National Adviser of the Issele-Azagba Development Union, IADU, and a prominent member of APC.

They expressed dismay at the seeming lack of action and had called on the state government and the security agencies to address the matter and bring the perpetrators of the heinous crime to book.

The briefing was attended by officers of the IADU, traditional chiefs including John

Abugo and Austin Ojei, the oldest man (Diokpa) of the community, Diokpa Patrick Abugo, son of late Ofor, Mr. Robert Ofor, and the community youth leader, Mr. Kingsley Nnasiana.

Addressing the conference, National President of the IADU, Patrick Isichei, represented by his vice, Mr. Obi Osiagwu, said the community expressed shock at the killing of Ofor.

According to Isichei, it was most unusual because the deceased elder, had no record of violence or criminality.

"The late Ofor, until his murder on December 10, 2024, was also an ex-officio member and National Adviser of the Issele-Azagba Development Union as well as a prominent member to of APC."

Isichei said that it had taken much effort to restraint the people, especially the youths of the community from taking to the streets to express their dismay and anger over the murder of one of the brightest lights of Issele-Azagba.

He said the entire community has become a shadow of its boisterous self because there was mourning and fear, with the Christmas celebration in the town practically ruined following the incident.

"The community, since the unprecedented incident, has been thrown into mourning and fear.

"As it is now, nobody feels safe. The usual pomp and pageantry that envelope in the community during Christmas and New Year festivities is not there because of the shock created by the incident.

"The Issele-Azagba Development Union, IADU, on behalf of Issele-Azagba people and residents, is compelled to make this clarion call through the Press to the authorities.

"We call on the Delta Government, the Nigeria Police Force, Department of State Security, DSS, and other security agencies to up the ante in digging into the cause of the gruesome murder and getting the perpetrators of the dastardly act arrested."