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Four killed as vigilante–youth clash sparks unrest in Delta community



Tension engulfed the Elume community in Sapele Local Government Area on Sunday after a violent confrontation left four people dead, several others injured, and parts of a hotel set ablaze.

The incident reportedly began around 1:30 a.m. when four hotel lodgers stepped outside their rooms to get fresh air after a power outage.

Witnesses said a vigilante operative, allegedly intoxicated, confronted the men and ordered them back inside.

The lodgers insisted the room was too hot and requested that electricity be restored first.

According to witnesses, the argument escalated when the vigilante officer attempted to use force, pushing one of the men and threatening to shoot.

He allegedly deployed tear gas before opening fire, shooting one of the youths in the face at close range. The victim, rushed to the hospital, died Monday morning.

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Community members claimed the vigilante officer had a questionable history. News of the young man's death triggered widespread anger, prompting his friends and youths from the Ibada community to storm the vigilante base in search of the suspect, who had already fled.

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A confrontation ensued between the youths, vigilante operatives, and accompanying police officers. During the clash, the vigilante commander and his team reportedly opened fire, killing two more people, including a 15-year-old boy and a close friend of the first victim.

The situation quickly spiralled, with enraged youths setting parts of the hotel ablaze.

The arrival of soldiers eventually restored order after they appealed for calm and assured the community that all those involved, vigilante members and police officers present, would face justice.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Bright Edafe, confirmed the deaths via SMS, noting that the suspects were currently at large.

