

# Peace returns to Delta community after deadly clash over vigilante killing

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Peace has returned to Elume community in the Sapele council area of Delta state after the mayhem that erupted following the killing of a youth by a vigilante member.

At the end of the crisis, no fewer than four persons were feared dead while a hotel complex was set ablaze.

Police public relations officer, SP Bright Edefe, confirmed on Wednesday that commercial activities have returned to the riverine community, saying there is a manhunt for the vigilante member who killed the hotel guest.

Reports from the area said trouble started at a hotel where the security man, one 'Prosper', allegedly shot a guest identified as 'Kelvin', who was taking a fresh outside following a power outage in the facility on Sunday night.

Eyewitness account said the hotel's generator reportedly went off, leaving lodgers in discomfort.

The guest, popularly known as 'OBO', had stepped out of his room to get fresh air while his girlfriend remained inside when the security man, allegedly, approached and instructed him to return to his room because staff were preparing to lock the entrance to the main hotel building.

Kelvin was said to have refused, insisting that he wanted to remain outside due to the heat inside the room.

During the argument, the vigilante was said to have used teargas before shooting the guest, who was rushed to a hospital but was later confirmed dead the following morning.

Tribune Online reports that tempers rose amongst youths against the security man who reportedly contacted another vigilante leader to rescue him.

The situation, however, went out of hand as a violent clash erupted between the vigilante group and the youths, leaving two men and one woman dead.

The youths were said to have later set the hotel on fire.