

of further attacks and abductions.

The incident has heightened tension in

the police tardly act will be apprehended.

How ex-contract staff member of oil company died while fighting inside beer parlour

THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command on Saturday confirmed the death of one Essien James, a former ExxonMobil contract staff member in Eket Local Government Area of the state.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Baba Azare, confirmed this in an interview with the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Eket on Saturday.

Azare said the man had a fight with one Lawrence Alfred on December 6, which resulted in his death.

He said the incident was reported to the police on December 8 by the family of the deceased.

Azare, who disclosed that the man he

fought with had been arrested, said investigations are underway to unravel the circumstances leading to his death.

However, a family source who spoke to *NAN* on condition of anonymity said the fight between the deceased and the suspect happened in a beer parlour.

"While they were drinking in a beer parlour, an argument ensued, which led to a fight. The suspect pushed the deceased down and hit his head with a stone.

"He was rushed to a hospital where he was pronounced dead by a doctor. The culprit fled to Onna Local Government Area of the state after the incident and hid there before he was arrested by the police," he said.

... .. stationer, trailer

④