

INDIGENES of Mogho community in Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State have fled the village as more people lost their lives following an inter communal crisis with neighbouring Bodo.

Daily Champion gathered from an indigene of Mogho whose family members took over his Port Harcourt residence that only people who have no where to run to are still in the village.

The source who swore that at least 25 persons from Mogho have been killed as at Sunday, lamented that the two communities have never quarrelled until last week.

The Mogho native alleged that

25 killed in Rivers communal clash

the Bodo community was having an upper hand in the fight because the village plays host to one of the dreaded cult groups in Ogoniland, and receive support from its prominent indigenes.

Daily Champion gathered that despite heavy police presence the entire community had been deserted as Mogho indigenes are now refugees in nearby communities and villages.

President of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People (MOSOP) Mr. Leelum Mittee disclosed that the organisation has been working with community leadership in the area, government and security agencies to bring an end to the violence and killing.

Mitee said on last Sunday that the situation had improved as a result of efforts put into salvaging the situation.

According to Mitee "We have been working to restore normalcy to the area. In fact, I have been there for the past three days and I am just returning to Port Harcourt now. We have been working with government and security agencies to make sure that calm returns to the place".

Meanwhile, the Rivers State Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Kenneth Kobani, who is from Bodo, has appealed to the two communities to stop fighting and desist from killing one another.



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