

7 die over chieftaincy tussle in Rivers

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NO fewer than seven persons have died last week as a result of chieftaincy tussle rocking two communities in Ahoada West Local Government Area, Rivers State.

Also youths in both communities have reportedly set on fire 40 houses in the conflict.

Daily Champions learnt that the communal clash which occurred Tuesday followed a chieftaincy dispute in which the two communities of Edegbare and Jonkarama were said to have freely used dangerous weapons leading to the death of seven persons.

Although, identities of the victims of the clashes were not made public to the newsmen as at the time of filing this report, an eye witness told our correspondent that the affected communities had been

deserted with people from the communities seeking refuge in the near-by communities for the fear of further attack by the hoodlums.

We also gathered that, most villagers from the area are busy relocating to Port Harcourt city for safety of their lives.

Confirming the killings in the Ahoada communities, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Rivers state command, Mrs Ireju Barasua while confirming the attack said only seven persons were officially reported death.

She also said that, the command has deployed anti riot mobile policemen to the affected area to maintain peace and order.

The PPRO also called on the communities to shun violence and use constitutional means of dialoguing, rather than taking the laws into their hands.