

Communal dispute claims boy, 10, injures others in Bayelsa

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A 10 -year old boy has been killed in a fresh communal dispute between two oil bearing communities, Liama and Egweama in Brass local government area, Bayelsa state, while several persons were injured on Tuesday.

Saturday Champion learnt that some unidentified persons from neighbouring Liama community, dressed in red overalls in three speed boats, attacked Egweama and began shooting and throwing explosives, believed to be dynamites into the latter community.

The attack left an unspecified number of people injured including the killing of ten year old boy, while over five houses were burnt down in Egweama community.

A member of the community, who did not want his name in print intimated correspondent that the Liama youths were spotted in three speed boats and coming from the Akassa axis of Brass, during which they made a stop over at the Liama jetty before lunching the attack.

Unsuspecting villagers and residents of Egweama were taken aback as they initially thought the boat had come to drop off some passengers in Liama as is usually the case; before proceeding to Yenagoa and other sister communities. ~~Little did they know that this occasion was different.~~

Contacted, spokesman of the state Police Command, Mr. Iniobong Ibokette, confirmed the incident, saying, "yes there was an attack, but I do not know there was any casualty." He insisted that he would need to make some contacts to