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Communal Clash: Kalabari Community seeks relief materials

CHINEDU WOSU, P/Harcourt

War ravaged Kalabari Community in Rivers State has charged federal and state government to provide relief materials to suffering people of Krakrama invaded by armed groups from neighboring Minama community.

Clashes in the community had claimed the lives of over five persons and left the communities deserted. The community also alleged that building and property worth millions of naira were razed down and destroyed by the cult groups during its attack by armed youths.

Chairman, Krakrama Council of chiefs, Chief Lekama Ekine stated this in Port Harcourt while briefing newsmen on the sudden attack of his community by neighboring Minama armed youths.

The chief told journalists that his community was attacked by their neighbours and three persons were killed during the invasion.

He disclosed that, residents in the area including women had fled the town for safety as the chiefs had relocated to Port Harcourt for safety.

The spokesman further said since the invasion of Krakrama on weekend, the riverine community had never

known peace as the rural dwellers abandon their fishing traps for safety in neighboring Ikerre villages.

Krakrama, he said now lives in

pains as buildings and economic crops had been destroyed by the angry youths of Minama.

The Kalabari chiefs decried the absence of government

officials to the warring communities and called for the deployment of the Joint Task Force (JTF) to restore normalcy in both areas.



INSPECTION: (R-I) Chief Lekama Ekine, Chairman, Krakrama Council of chiefs, briefs newsmen on the sudden attack of his community by neighboring Minama armed youths. Delta State Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, Speaker, Delta State House of Representatives, Hon. Martin Okonta and Hon. Pat Ajidua when the governor inspected the Asaba International Airport under construction recently.

DENNIS UDOMA, Uyo

AKWA Ibom State House of Assembly has passed into law a new State Joint Local Government Account Bill, repealing the previous law which was passed in 2005 by former administration of Governor Obong Victor Attah.

The major difference

Akwa Ibom passes Joint Account bill

between the two laws is, the provision of one per cent deduction for the development of commercial agriculture from the revenue standing to the credit of all Local Governments in the State as first line charge.

The new law which takes effect from January 1, 2009 however, retains deductions for primary education, Local Government Service Commission training fund as well as payment of emoluments and upkeep of traditional rulers.

It also retains the formula for the sharing of derivation between the State and the Local Government areas of the state.

The composition of the State Joint Local Government Account Allocation Committee is equally retained with the State Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Obong Paul Ekpo as chairman.

Others are Commissioners for Justice and Attorney General, Chief Victor Iyanam, Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Bassey Albert Akpan, Chairman of the 31 Local

NDDC: Owaza community demands Board membership