

# 1 killed in communal clash as youths attack council boss

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ONE person was reported killed at the weekend in a communal clash between Ebughu and Efiat communities in Mbo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State. It was gathered that chairman of the transition committee in the area was also attacked by youths in the area.

According to a source, the youths, who were armed with guns and machetes, fired several

shots at the council boss.

"Their intention was to kill, but his police orderly pleaded with the youths, assuring them that the chairman would settle the problem in the area," the source said.

*Daily Trust* learnt that the council chairman was rushed to a nearby traditional healer, where over 8 bullets were removed from his body before he was taken to the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, where he is recuper-

ating. Though, the cause of the clash is still unknown, reports say trouble started when youths from Efiat community killed a native of Ebughu and buried the body in the sand. Meanwhile, the state government has condemned the attack, describing it as callous.

The state's deputy governor, Mr. Nsima Ekere, who paid a visit to the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital, where the chairman is receiving treatment, wondered why the chairman who was on

a peace mission should be the object of attack.

He also ordered the immediate dissolution of the youth executives at the centre of the crisis in Ebughu community and charged the state's Commissioner for Youths and Sports, Pastor Ita Umo- Udo, to immediately implement the order. He further directed the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Umar Gwadabe to fish out the culprits and bring them to book.