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One killed, others injured in Ekiti chieftaincy tussle

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A resident of Igogo town in Moba LGA of Ekiti State has been killed while several others were injured over a chieftaincy tussle in the town.

The crisis, according to residents, started on Monday from a mild disagreement between rival parties, but suddenly took a dangerous dimension on Thursday and dragged on till yesterday following news that one of the persons contesting the Asaba chieftaincy title had been kidnapped.

It was learnt that the kidnapped contestant was more popular among most residents. A resident, Sola Akande, told our correspondent that the crisis became violent when it became known that the traditional ruler had made up his mind to impose an unpopular candidate on the residents.

Soldiers and mobile policemen attached to the state crime control unit, "Operation Flush", were drafted to bring the situation under control.

But the residents, rather than fleeing when the security men arrived, reportedly confronted them and even chased some of them into the bush with dangerous weapons and charms.

Police spokesman, Alberto Adeyemi, said he did not know of any death, adding that a team led by a Deputy Commissioner of Police had restored

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