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## Two killed in A'lbom over love affair

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Three persons have been killed in Akwa Ibom State following a clash between Ikot Osute and Ikot Ukpong villages in Oruk Anam Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that one Ms Ime Etuo who had settled in her father's compound in Ikot Osute after her divorce from her husband, reunited with her husband and lived with him in her father's compound.

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However, she was said to be involved in a love affair with another man from Ikot Ukpong village against the wish of her husband, before she later chased her husband away.

It was learnt that this infuriated youths in her community, and led by one Udemé, the youths at the weekend beat up the new lover popularly known as 'Chop I Chop' until he died.

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A witness, Idongesit Jacob, said in reaction, the Village Head of Ikot Osute, Chief O. Tana mobilized some youths who seized Udeme and waited for the police to arrest him.

Jacob said Udeme, however tricked his captors with the claim that he should be released as he was hungry and needed to eat. But upon his release, Udeme escaped into the bush.

“As we were waiting for the police to arrive from Oruk Anam Police station, the culprit ran away. Efforts by the youths to search for him proved abortive,” he said.

It was gathered that when the youths of Ikot ~~Ukpong~~<sup>close</sup> village ~~learnt~~<sup>close</sup> that their son had been killed, they left for Ikot Osute village for a reprisal attack.

A fight was said to have ensued between the youths of both villages, and one Idongesit Bassey was shot dead, while two others who sustained varying degrees of bullet wounds were rushed to the Immanuel General Hospital for treatment.

Jacob said one Promise Unanaowo later died after being taken away from the hospital by his relatives to a native doctor, in a bid to get the bullet extracted from him.

He said the two communities have been deserted as people have abandoned the villages for refuge in neighbouring communities.

The spokesman of the police in Akwa Ibom State, Odiko Macdon, confirmed the casualties and explained that the police have mounted surveillance in the area to forestall further hostilities.

He added culprits would be brought to book.

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