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## One dead as police avert clash in Anambra

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One person was confirmed dead after police averted a communal clash in Ogwanocha riverine Community of Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The clash was between some groups of youth allegedly loyal to HRH Igwe Oliver Nnaji, Igwe Ogwuniocha, with another group of persons loyal to one Okwudili Oganah, who allegedly crowned himself Igwe.

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As a result of the clash, one person was confirmed dead, and five persons sustained injuries. Confirming the incident in a statement on Thursday, the spokesman for Anambra State Police Command, SP Haruna Mohammed said the quick intervention of police saved further killing and destruction.

He said "On the 25/6/2020 at about 2: am, there was a report of a clash between some group of youths allegedly loyal to HRH Igwe Oliver Nnaji, (Igwe Ogwuniocha), a riverine community in Ogbaru LGA of Anambra State with another group of persons loyal to one Okwudili Oganah who allegedly crowned himself Igwe. As a result of the clash, one person was confirmed dead, five persons sustained injuries, and some houses vandalised.

"Following the report, the Command quickly mobilised and dispatched joint patrol teams led by the Area Commander, Orafitte, ACP Afolabi Wilfred to the scene. Sixteen suspects have been arrested and an investigation is ongoing to ascertain the actual cause of the incident and extent of the damage."

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