

Communal clash claims 2 lives in Anambra

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The communal clash between Odekpe and Allah/Onugwa communities in Anambra West Local Government Area of Anambra State has claimed two lives.

Also, a policeman sent on a peace mission in the area was missing as nobody could give an account of his whereabouts.

The communal clash allegedly initiated by some hoodlums took place on

Sunday night at a refugee camp in Igbamaka village, Ilushi community.

It would be recalled that the communities had been at war over a parcel of land located on a boundary separating them since July.

One of the residents of Allah/Onugwa, David Uzor, said the perpetrators of the dastardly act were suspected to have come from Odekpe community.

He said they invaded the refugee camp and abducted his uncle and then killed him.

According to him, the invaders stormed the area with about six-speed boats and later killed his uncle.

"Odekpe people came in their numbers into the community where my people were taking refuge. When they arrived, they began to shoot indiscriminately and chased everybody away.

"They got hold of my uncle, Anthony Uzor, and took him away to their Odekpe community and killed him. They killed him slowly. They first cut off the two hands and

legs before they cut off the throat.

"They alleged that our people killed one of their own, but when the truth came out, it was realised that the man was killed by somebody from Edo State over some issues," he said.

He also said the attackers shot one Igbamaka villager and injured about four persons from the same village.

Reacting, a community leader in Odekpe, Chief Austen Anerah, who debunked Uzor's allegations said that Allah/

Onugwa first killed one of their sons, Goddy Chukwuemeka.

He said Allah/Onugwa people were fabricating lies to attract sympathy from the police and the public.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in Anambra State, Haruna Mohammed, said the incident took place outside Anambra command's jurisdiction, saying that the concerned parties should approach the nearest police station in the state where the incident took place.

Police in Anambra arrest woman

