

Pupil feared killed in Nasarawa chieftaincy fracas

ASECONDARY school pupil who had just written his final senior secondary school examinations, Yahuse Ayito, was feared dead with several others injured in a clash caused by fierce argument over who is the legitimate custodian of the chieftaincy stool in Agwatashi, Nasarawa State, at the weekend in the ancient town of the Alagos.

Three houses were also razed by the warring factions who disturbed the Yuletide peace of the

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town, according to Nasarawa State Commissioner of Police, Shehu Babalola.

The Guardian learnt that trouble erupted when the older brother of the current chief, the *Osho of Olosho*, Umaru Apeshi, allegedly shot Ayito when the chieftaincy argument turned explosive and invectives were being poured on his brother who is the recognised chief of the town.

In retaliation, those

who never supported the enthronement of the current *Osho*, allegedly took to burning houses. This soon became an all-comers affair as hoodlums joined in the skirmish before the police stepped in and stopped them.

The *Osho of Qlqsho* stool has been trailed with controversy. It remained vacant for a long time before the state government decided to install the current occupant, whose ascendancy is still a subject of litigation in court.