

Police arrest Ebonyi council chair, others over communal clash

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Following the communal clash that left over seven persons dead, scores injured and several properties destroyed at Effium in Ohaukwu Council of Ebonyi, the Commissioner of Police, Aliyu Garba, yesterday, arrested the council chairman, Clement Odah, other government officials and stakeholders.

Also picked were the member representing Ohaukwu North in the House of Assembly, Chinedu Awoṣṣ Coordinator of Effium Development Centre, Sunday Agbo and his Effium South counterpart, Mrs. Eucharika Ogware.

The list too includes Special Assistant to the Governor on Market Development, Emmanuel Uzor, and his Parks Development colleague, Emmanuel Igwe.

Special Assistant to the Governor on Youth Development, Frank Nwaka Onwe was equally apprehended.

Deputy Governor Kelechi Igwe had, in a statement signed yesterday by his Chief Press Secretary CPS), Monday Uzor, invited the stakeholders and political appointees to an emergency security meeting following the violence in the community on Friday and Saturday.

Though the cause of the clash remained sketchy at the time of filing this report, a source in the settlement claimed that the conflict was an escalation of the leadership crisis in the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

He said a faction of the union made up of Effium indigenes of Korri extraction feuded with the group peopled by Effium locals of Ezza extraction at the park.



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The source added that the fight spilled over, resulting in the communal clash and casualties on both sides.

It was learnt that some health workers and staff of the National Population Commission, which were on an assignment in the area, were trapped for hours at the weekend.



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