

Police Arrest Nine Persons Over Communal Violence In Enugu

Men of the Enugu State Police Command have arrested about nine persons in connection with the communal violence in Mgbowo town, Awgu local government area of the state.

At least twelve persons were feared dead during the violence that lasted for two days.

The suspects were picked up when policemen swooped on the community, which had been in the throes of crisis following clashes by youths of the village over the traditional stool.

Micheal Abatam, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, told *Daily Independent* in a telephone interview on Wednesday that the arrested persons were the masterminds of the violence that threw the community into what he described as a "an avoidable and regrettable situation."

He said the police are still searching for the other ringleaders who caused the crisis, adding that calm is gradually returning to the area.