

Exhumed Corpse Heightens Tension In Andoni

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Fear has gripped residents of Ngo, headquarters of the Andoni Local Government Area in Rivers State following the discovery of a corpse in the premises of the Governor's Lodge in the area.

A security guard was said to have discovered the yet to be identified corpse.

Sources said the man had during a routine check around the premises seen what looked like a newly dug pit with a stick on it. He reportedly alerted others when he became

suspicious and that the team while digging up the pit uncovered a dead young man.

Sources say the young man might have been killed during the fracas on March 23, 2007 when the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) held a rally in the area.

We also learnt that the youth could be one of the bad boys in Ngo that was killed during a reprisal attack on the youth group that terrorised the PDP faithful on the day of the rally.

Sources added that already there is tension in the area and could lead to

serious crisis during the elections.

Some youths in the area had gone on a shooting spree after the departure of the state governor, Dr Peter Odili, from the campaign venue on March 23. They reportedly seized the boats used by the party chieftains for the rally in protest over the alleged killing of the youth.

The youths also mounted a blockade at the waterside, the only exit point from the community, and seized all the boats.

Their action forced the evacuation of the state government officials that

came for the rally with an helicopter sent from Government House soon after calls were made to Port Harcourt about the security situation in the area.

The Deputy Governor, Sir Gabriel Toby, who could not leave with the governor, was reportedly trapped in the melee while the over 40 armed policemen drafted to the area were helpless.

The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer,

Mrs Ireju Barasua, said on telephone that she was not aware of the development but promised to contact the DPO in charge of Andoni to confirm the report.