

Akassa, Koluama Crisis Claims Four Lives

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A fresh crisis between Akassa and Koluama communities in Bayelsa State has reportedly left no fewer than four persons dead.

Akassa is in Brass local government area while Koluama is in Southern Ijaw council.

Daily Independent learnt that the conflict, which is over some of the fishing ports in the area, also resulted in the burning of unspecified number of buildings in both communities.

Tension is said to be high in the area and indigenes are reportedly relocating to safer places.

The crisis, which has lasted for over three decades, has claimed several lives, despite efforts by the state government and the traditional rulers' council to resolve it.

The state government, through the Commissioner for Special Duties, Nelson Ayibakuro, has appealed to the warring communities to

sheathe their swords for peace to return to the area.

But it condemned the fresh hostilities and warned that it would not tolerate further lawlessness from both communities.

At the time of filing this report, it could not be confirmed whether the police had made any arrests in connection with the crisis.