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Two Killed In Ebonyi Communal Clash

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Two men have been confirmed dead while six policemen reportedly sustained injuries in a clash between youths of Mgbo community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Eyewitnesses said the clash resulted from allegations that that the man (names withheld) caused the untimely death of sev-

eral youths in the community through witchcraft and that he escaped to the police when the youths wanted him to clear the allegation.

The youths were said to have asked the police to release the man to them for disciplinary action, in accordance with the community's rules, a demand the police rejected. This, we learnt, sparked off the fracas.

We also gathered that when the youths could not lay hands on the man, they

reportedly set ablaze his shops at Okwor Mgbo market.

Public Relations Officer of the Ebonyi Police Command, Fredick Nudam, confirmed the fracas and the allegation against the man.

He said a team of policemen sent to the area to make peace was ambushed by the youths and that a police patrol vehicle was also destroyed.

He said investigation had

commenced to unravel what led to the death of the two persons and that the police were still looking for the man said to have caused the problem.

The command's spokesperson added that senior police officers had held a meeting with the local government chairman and the coordinators where they were asked to assist the police talk to the youths to maintain peace in the community.

He however said the road block mounted in the area by the youths has been dismantled by the police and that peace had returned to the community.