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Communal Clash: Police Parade 47 Suspects, Six Human Skulls

By Bassey Invang Correspondent, Calabar

Cross River State Police Command on Thursday at its headquarters in Diamond Hill, Calabar, paraded 47 suspects who were arrested as a result of the communal clashes between the Nko community and their Oyadama neighbours in Yakurr and Obubra local government areas, respectively. Apart from the suspects who were paraded, the police also displayed six human skulls, guns and other assorted dangerous weapons seized from both communities.

The arrests and the seizure of the weapons followed a police raid on both communities about three weeks after the affected they engaged in a war that led to the loss of several lives and property.

State Commissioner of Police, Emmanuel Ezeozue, who briefed journalists on the development, said the arrest of the suspects and the recovery of the human skulls plus the weapons followed a through search on the communities by police, military and other security agencies on Wednesday.

He said the police suspect that the persons, the human remains and the weapons were fallouts of the clashes that pitched both communities recently.

"For quite some time now, we have been having problems in the central part of Cross River State on issues bordering on struggle for land.

"Human lives have been lost in the process. I am speaking specifically about the Nko/Onyeodama communities. These problems seem to have defied every effort to bring peace to the communities and we have continued getting reports of people missing.

"So yesterday, we decided to go into that community to bring sanity by cordoning off the place, carrying out raids and seizing weapons that are likely to be used in the conflict.

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