

# Two people killed as youths clash in Effurun

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**TWO PERSONS** were feared dead and several others injured at the weekend during a clash between rival youth gangs in Effurun, headquarters of Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Daily Independent gathered that trouble started when some youths attempted to erect a billboard for a governorship aspirant, Ogbu Onokpite, on the platform of Citizens Leadership Party (CLP) and were chased away by another group allegedly on the instruction of the

chairman of the local government area, Peter Abugewa.

It was further gathered that the group loyal to Onokpite immediately beat a retreat only to reinforce and return to the area, but was again attacked by armed youths allegedly led by one Joefrey Abugewa, the chairman's younger brother.

According to our source, both groups used weapons freely; which resulted in the death of two persons, one of which was a Coca Cola truck driver, who is yet to be identified. The source added that there was pandemonium everywhere leading to closure of shops

and other businesses in the area.

It was also gathered that it took the combined efforts of personnel of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) and mobile police to bring the situation under control. The personnel of JTF were said to have immediately mounted checkpoints and combed the area for arms and ammunition.

However, the governorship aspirant was said to have left for Abuja to report the confrontation to the Inspector General of Police and the leadership of the party, fingering the local government area boss for sponsoring the destruction of his billboard.