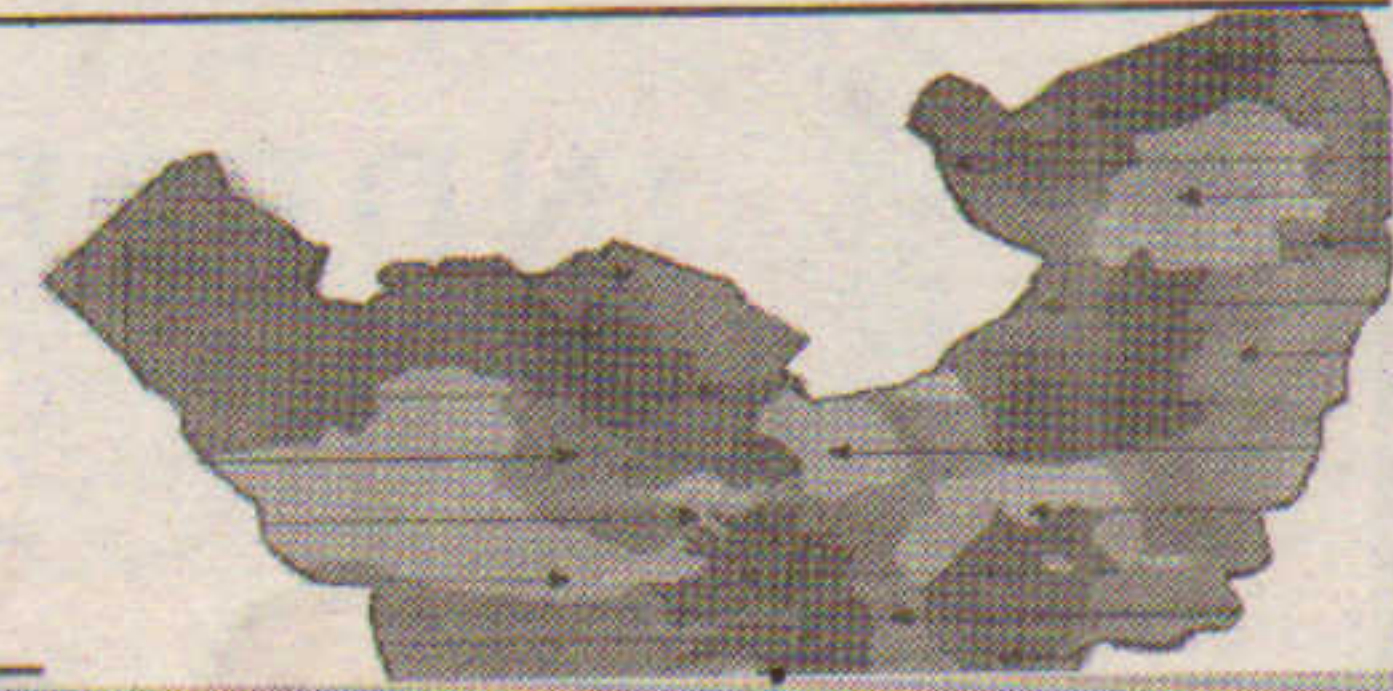




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Group calls for speedy resolution of crisis in Ugborodo

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IWERE Development Association (IDA) has called on all well-meaning people of the Itsekiri nation to find a lasting solution to the lingering crisis, warning those who have vowed that peace will not return to Ugborodo land to have a rethink and allow peace to reign.

The group gave the warning in a communiqué signed by the Acting President, Ogbe Eke, National Secretary, Agbi-tyeyinro Weyinmi, National P.R.O, Utieyin Godwin and three others, and was made available to journalists in Warri.

According to the group, some people are taking undue advantage of the crisis by fuelling it, vowing that they will respond at the appropriate time.

On the crisis rocking the Itsekiri National Youth Council (INYC), IDA affirms the group's support for the Hon. David Tonwe-led INYC, stressing that there was no vacancy in the youth council.

While saying that it held

Two killed as rival cult groups clash in Delta

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AT least two unidentified teenage boys were confirmed dead on Monday following a clash between two rival cult groups in Ovwian community, Udu Local Government Area of Delta State.

Daily Independent gathered that the first boy, who was alleged to be a member of Baga cult group, was killed along Ogude Street, Ovwian, by some cultists

believed to be members of the Aye cult group, while the other victim, who was alleged to be a member of Aye cult group was killed at the premises of a popular fast food, along Orhuwhorun road, Ovwian, at about 7pm of the same day in an alleged reprisal attack by the Baga cult group.

In an interview with the Oghwuvwie General of Ovwian community, Alfred Urukpe, he said it was two persons that were killed on

that faithful day at different locations, and that it has been reported at the police station.

Urukpe said the community has written letters to the appropriate authorities about the activities of cultist in the community, adding that Ovwian community is a very peaceful place, promising that with the local vigilante in place, they would soon overcome the insecurity challenges.

When the Delta State Po-

lice Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Tina Kalu, was contacted to confirm the story, she said, "I have not been briefed of any killing in Ovwian but I promise to find out from the police division covering the area". But a police source at the Ovwian-Aladja Police Station, who doesn't want his name on print, confirmed the story, saying over 20 persons have been arrested in connection with the incidents.

Community bemoans poor state of school

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THE people of Ekerhavwen-Agbarho in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, have decried the dilapidated state of Erhavwen Primary School, Ekerhavwen, calling on the state government to take urgent step towards providing conducive learning environment for the pupils.

Speaking to Journalists on Wednesday, one of the community leaders, Samson Udoma, said the primary school was yearning for government's attention, lamenting that the school has "no single good building."

Decrying that the entire three blocks in the school have been dilapidated, Udoma said: "you can see that the roofs have given way. The ceiling sheets are falling off and is dangerous because any of the sheets could fall off with the winds during school hours".

According to him, "during the raining season, the

