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Two Shot Dead, Several Others Wounded In Gun Battle In Delta

At least two persons were feared dead and several others injured in a renewed crisis in oil rich Ughorodo, Warri South West Local Government Area of Delta State on Tuesday.

Those shot dead were identified as Benson Okoturo and Samuel Mayomi.

They were said to have died during an attack on members of Ughorodo Interim Management Committee (IMC) and other

indigenes, who were on a ferry to a meeting in the volatile oil rich community in Warri.

It was gathered that Benson Okoturo, a member of the IMC, allegedly collapsed and died from gunshots fired at him while Mayomi drowned after their boat hit another boat allegedly loaded with Ughorodo youths,

who also allegedly abducted and tortured five other victims during the boat journey.

It was gathered that the abductors released the victims following the intervention of the Nigerian Navy.

When contacted to speak on the incident, Commodore Ibrahim Dewusaid, Commander,

Nigerian Navy Ship, NNS, Delta, based in Warri, said he was just coming from a security meeting and did not know about the event.

However, Zana Ibrahim, Delta State Commissioner of Police, could not be reached for comment.

It was learnt that Tuesday's meeting was at the instance of Pa Wellington Ojoghor, the Eghare-Aja

(chairman, Elders' Council) of Ughorodo).

It was a general gathering where the 52-man interventionist IMC inaugurated by Delta State government to restore peace to the community torn apart by protracted leadership struggle was expected to outline how it intended to carry out its assignment.

Dogara Felicitates With Sultan At 61

Yakubu Dogara, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has felicitated with Sultan of Sokoto, Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III, on his 61st birth anniversary.

Dogara congratulated the monarch in a statement issued by his Special Adviser on Media and Public Affairs, Turaki Hassan, in Abuja on Wednesday.

He described the Sultan as a man of peace, who used his position to build bridge across religious and cultural divides.

The speaker said that