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Three Die In Delta Communal Crisis

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Three persons have allegedly been killed and several others injured in fresh hostilities between the people of Aladja in Udu local government area and Ogbe-Ijoh of Warri south west local government area of Delta State.

However, security operatives from the 33 Battalion, Warri, and other military formations have been drafted to the area to save Ogbe-Ijoh from being razed to the ground.

Information from those at the war front who spoke to INDEPENDENT confirmed the deaths of Mr. Kelly Onojaire from Aladja, Joseph Karegha

and Ebi Alelei. It was gathered that they were reportedly killed in the Ogbe-Ijoh end while several persons sustained different degree of injuries during the fracas.

A statement by Chief M. Keme on behalf of Ogbe-Ijoh community said that Aladja people fired the first shot in the early hours of Thursday. But he called on the Federal Government to intervene and halt further hostilities.

"At about 7:45am on Thursday, November 16, 2017 Aladja attacked Isaba community and by 8:45am another attack was launched against Ogbe-Ijoh and lasted for about two hours leading to the death of yet to be ascertained number of persons. Five persons were

critically wounded and now receiving treatment.

But Mr. Elias Dogene, president of Aladja community, in a statement, debunked the claims by Ogbe-Ijoh people, arguing that it was Ogbe-Ijoh that fired the first shot to provoke the latest crisis. He appealed to the state government to intervene to halt the bloodshed being provoked "by the blood thirsty Ogbe-Ijoh people."

Keme added: "It is very unfortunate that the Delta State government is yet to implement its findings on how to resolve the boundary dispute between the two communities. We have always maintained the peace in the face of unprovoked attacks.

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