

# Four Feared Dead In Renewed Political Clash In Benue

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**Makurdi** – Four persons were feared dead in a renewed political clash in Ogobia town, Ugboju community of Otukpo Local Government Area (LGA) of Benue State on Saturday.

**INDEPENDENT** gathered on Sunday that the clash, which was in retaliation to the previous one in August, 2017, that left a retired Major, Lawrence Ugbo, and three others dead, is allegedly between two blood brothers who belong to different political parties.

While one of them, Benjamin Udeh, is of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Ijachi Udeh is of the All Progressives Congress (APC).

The Benue State Command of the Nigeria Police, which has confirmed the report, stated it was on the trail of the major actors of the clash who were currently at large.

"Yes, there was a clash that claimed the lives of three persons yesterday (Saturday) night and another injured person gave up (the ghost) today (Sunday), making four deaths in all," the police spokesman said.

He added: "Normalcy has been restored as more patrol teams have been sent to the area to support the ones that were there after the August mayhem.

"It is likely that the yesterday clash and killing is connected to what happened in the area recently but we have commenced full investigations to bring the killers to book."

He urged the public to provide security agencies with useful information that could lead to the arrest of the killers.

Meanwhile, the Idoma socio-cultural organisation, Opiatoha K' Idoma, has condemned, in totality, the renewed hostility in Ogobia-Ugboju.

Chief Adoka Adaji, Secretary-General of the organisation, said in a statement that the organisation learnt that four persons had died in the renewed hostility.

He called on security agencies in the state to wade into the matter and apprehend those behind the dastardly act.

"Government should ensure the full presence of the police to patrol the area to forestall