

Youth Leader Shot Dead Over Communal Dispute

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The lingering communal dispute between indigenes of Akumoni and Ayamabele communities of Yenagoa local government area of Bayelsa has claimed the life of one person identified as Godsgift Atama.

The deceased who was identified as an indigene of Ayanmabele, was shot dead Tuesday night at Akumoni community.

Spokesman of the state police command, Mr. Alex Akhigbe, who confirmed the incident, said one person had been arrested.

The communal dispute between the two communities, LEADERSHIP gathered, was fuelled by the laying of pipelines by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC). Akumoni community had claimed that it owned the neighbouring Anyabele and Calabar communities, a claim the Yenagoa High Court faulted and for which an appeal is pending before the Court of Appeal in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

While some concerned indigenes of the communities engaged in accusations and counter accusations over what might have

led to the killing of the youth, the operatives of the anti-crime team have stormed the communities in search of his killers.

The paramount ruler of the Ayamabele community, Chief Monday Tamuno, confirmed that preliminary investigation by the youth group into the gruesome killing of the youth showed that he was shot dead at about 1am.

According to him, the deceased was allegedly shot dead by one Ebiware Bunfa and two others close to a speed breaker along the road linking the two communities.