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COMMUNAL CLASH: Tussle Over Ownership Of Fish Pond Claims 2

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A protracted tussle over the ownership of a fish pond in two agrarian communities in Isoko South local government area of Delta State yesterday claimed the lives of two youths.

Reports said six youths from Igbide community had allegedly been at war over the rightful ownership of a fish pond and had also been engaged in fetish warfare until their quarrel escalated into a shootout, an act that allegedly culminated in the death of two of the youths.

The victims, identified as Otuloho and Oguoruye (surnames withheld) were allegedly killed in the bush where the fish

pond is located.

But one Chief David Edegware, president of Igbide Community who spoke to our correspondent, confirmed that two persons died in the scuffle.

Unconfirmed sources said there has been protracted warfare in various Isoko South Communities over parcels of land, including fish ponds, with aggrieved youths resorting to the use of guns and other dangerous weapons.

The police public relations officer in the state, DSP Celestina Kalu, said one person was arrested.

According to her, the police had moved into the community to restore law and order, adding that investigation into the fracas was ongoing.