

Three feared killed in fresh attack in Akure communities

FRESH violence reportedly erupted in the neighboring Iju/Ita-Ogbolu communities in Akure North local government area of Ondo state yesterday. Three persons were feared dead during the clash.

Eye witness told *The Nation* that the melee ensued when some militant young men in Iju town popularly called SOOBO boys intruded into Ita-Ogbolu farmland and fell several timbers belonging to the rival Ita-Ogbolu community.

It was learnt that following this development, people in Ita-Ogbolu mobilized their men to attack the SOOBO boys for illegal felling of their economic trees.

Consequently, the fully-armed Iju boys allegedly exchanged gunshots with Ita-Ogbolu men resulting to

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the death of three persons from both sides. The three victims have not been identified as at the press time.

The Nation gathered that several others were seriously injured and are now receiving treatment at the State Specialist Hospital, Akure.

An Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) at the State Command was said to have led his other men to the scene of the attack after which no fewer than five persons were arrested and detained at the State Investigation Intelligence Bureau (SIIB), Akure.

Police sources confirmed the reports adding that more arrests would be made while investigation on the matter continues.