

# Chieftaincy tussle claims seven lives in Rivers

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**S** EVEN persons were killed on Tuesday night in fighting over a chieftaincy in Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State.

*The Nation* gathered that the fighting was between the two communities of Edegbare and Jonkrama.

It was said that an election to determine who sits on the stool was conducted and the most popular candidate won.

"It was this attempt to impose an unpopular candidate on the people that resulted to fighting in which dangerous weapons were freely used," an eyewitnesses said.

At the time of this report, an eyewitness said, about seven lives had been lost and 40 houses destroyed in the fighting. Scores of people were injured with several deserting the place to save their lives.

Police Officer Ireju Barasua said policemen had been deployed to the scene.

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