

One dead in Ogoni clash

• Obasanjo expected today

AN out-break of fresh hostility in Ogoniland has claimed one life while several persons were injured.

This is coming on the heels of last Friday's attempt to attack Rev. Fr. Matthew Kukah over his perceived role in the return of Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) of Nigeria to Ogoniland.

It was reported that crisis broke out between Kaani 1 and 2 communities both in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State. It was not possible to ascertain the immediate cause of the clash between the two neighbours.

But observers believe it had to do with the long-drawn battle between the two communities over

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land dispute.

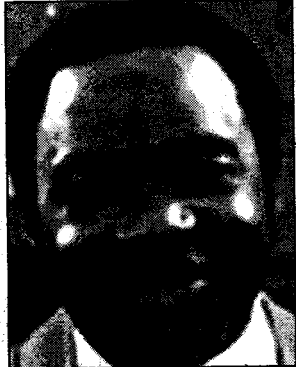
However, as the battle erupted yesterday morning, one person reportedly lost his life.

As the Kaani crisis was raging, members of Deebam and Deewell cultist groups engaged themselves in a gun duel at Ebubu in Eleme local Government Area.

The cause of the fighting between the two cult groups was attributed to their tussle for supremacy which started some years back.

At the time of this report, no life was reported lost in the camps of the two cult groups in spite of the fact that they were said to be using AK-47 rifles to fight.

Police sources have con-



• Rev. Kukah

firmed the two incidents but said that details were still sketchy.

President Olusegun Obasanjo is expected to arrive in Port Harcourt today for a one-day visit to Rivers State.

The President would be received on arrival at the Port Harcourt Air Force Base by Governor Peter Odili, before proceeding to Bori, headquarters of Khana Local Government Area.