

Six killed as police, thugs clash in Kogi

ABOUT six persons were feared dead in a clash in Okene in Kogi State. Three of the deceased were said to be members of the same family. Reports also said four police officers were injured.

They were said to have rushed to the scene of the incident to restore order. Crisis started when some alleged Peoples Democratic Party (PDP's) and Action Congress (AC's) thugs clashed, inflicting

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injuries on one another. The police spokesman, Superintendent Onun Inalegwu, said he was not aware of the incident.

The Caretaker Committee Chairman of Okene Local Government, Abubakar Yahaya Okaraku, accused the police of killing the deceased persons.

Okaraku said: "Two of the policemen who are indigenes had been working for the AC. It was one of them who killed the deceased persons."

Meanwhile, the government yesterday inaugurated a sub-committee on the crisis between Ogu and Omoye clans in Okene Local Government Area. The sub-committee, comprising both the feuding Ogu and Omoye members, is to complement the work of the

main committee, which was set up last week.

Inaugurating the sub-committee in Lokoja, Deputy Governor Phillips Salawu expressed government's determination to see to the end of the crisis.

He said the assignment of the sub-committee was very important and called on the members to put in their best to justify the confidence reposed in them.

He assured the committee that government would provide adequate security for them to perform their assignment creditably.

The Chairman of the sub-committee, Alhaji Maiyaki Odinga, thanked the government for the confidence reposed in them.

He assured that the committee would do its best to restore peace.