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Protests in Uyo over brothers' death

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10 injured

Last Saturday's killing of two **brothers**, Emmanuel Ekpenyong (53) and Mathias Ekpenyong (47), led to a protest in **Uyo**, the Akwa Ibom State capital, yesterday.

The protest left no fewer than 10 people injured.

Anti-riot policemen, including the State Joint Task Force (JTF), led by the Police Commissioner, Mr. Walter Rugbere, had a hectic time containing the crowd.

The protesters marched through the major streets from the home of the slain **brothers** in Ewet to the Government House where they met a police barricade.

The Police fired several teargas canisters and used batons and gun butts to disperse the placard-and-coffins bearing crowd.

Attempt by the police to seize the coffins led to a scuffle which left many injured.

The mock coffins, with an inscription 'Rest in Peace', were however seized and deposited at the 'A' Division of the State Police Command.

Some of the placard read: "Ewet youths say no to terrorism"; "Government should fish out the perpetrators".

The younger Ekpenyong was killed while trying to prevent the abduction of his elder brother by some gunmen.

However, the elder Ekpenyong was killed when he tried to escape, having unlocked himself from the booth of the car.

Already people have started relating the killing of the two **brothers** into the volatile politics of Akwa Ibom but, the only surviving brother of the Ekpenyongs, Fabian ruled out such insinuation.



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