

One killed, houses burnt in Ondo communal clash

VIOLENCE broke out at the weekend in Igbokoda, Ilaje Local Government Area, Ondo State, when a factional youth leader was gunned down by his rivals. As at press time, six houses had been razed by members of the deceased's group.

The deceased, popularly known as "General", was a leader of one of the factional groups locked in a bitter tussle for leadership of the town's youth group.

He was shot around 4:30p.m. on Ilara Street - in the heart of the town.

The rivalry has become a

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source of concern to indigenes of the town, which has been without a king for over two years.

"General" was suddenly accosted on Ilara Street by a member of the rival group.

The man who pulled the trigger was reported to have told "General" that he would not get away with the death of one of his men who was reportedly drowned a few months ago.

To stave off the looming

danger, "General" reportedly brought out a local charm that momentarily paralysed his assailant.

He was shot in the abdomen.

He slumped, shouting "they have shot me".

Attempts to save him failed. A few minutes after, he was pronounced dead at the neighbouring Okitipupa General Hospital.

Sources said the situation in the town remained tense as at press time yesterday.