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Ten people were killed yesterday as the communal crisis in Ogwuikpele community, in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State, took a new turn.

At the time of this report yesterday, there were shootings and chanting of war songs in the community. This has forced residents to flee.

The cause of the clash could not be ascertained but the president of Ogwuikpele Development Union, Alphus Akaka, told reporters on phone that the traditional ruler of the town, Igwe V. B. C. Onyema and his son, Hon. Chukwuka Onyema, who represents Ogbaru Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, had allegedly hired some thugs to unleash mayhem against his father's opponents.

But Onyema denied the allegation. He said when he heard of the clash, he alerted the police to quell the situation; adding that he was yet to get the situation report.

Police spokesman Emeka Chukwuemeka confirmed the incident.

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