

# Two Bayelsa communities spoil for war over alleged killings

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A bloody confrontation is looming between two neighbouring communities in Bayelsa State over claims and counter claims of murder of two natives of one of the clans.

Locked in the brewing crisis are Okordia and Biseni, both in Yenagoa Local Government Area.

Although the two communities have always been at loggerheads, a recent allegation of murder of two natives of Biseni for alleged rituals at Okodia by the other communities appears to have worsened the situation.

The Biseni community had allegedly declared the duo missing, followed by a rumour that they were used for rituals by the Okodia community.

Not long afterwards, the two persons were found alive.

The Okodia community then consulted a lawyer for possible litigation against their accusers.

While the lawyer was still weighing the issue, the Biseni community

allegedly reported to the police that their neighbours killed two Biseni natives named as Josline Okiogu and Ebiyeyinama Okiogu on July 19, 2012 and used them for rituals

The Okodia community consequently sent a petition to Governor Seriake Dickson, complaining that the allegation was “freely aired” by a radio station in the state.

Lawyer to the petitioners, Mr. Olu Ojujoh, asked for an apology from the Biseni community, saying: “Unless your Excellency takes immediate steps to nip the crisis brewing between the two clans in the bud, it may escalate into a full-blown fight with unpleasant consequences.”

Mr. Zuwa Konuwa, the state Commissioner for Capital Development and a native of Biseni, blamed a woman in the community for spreading the rumour.

He said: “We thank God we have found them. The people (missing persons) had gone to a forest in Delta State where their phones lost signals. The people at home had mistaken the development for death. But the issue has been resolved.”

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