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One dead, seven missing in another Ugborodo boat mishap

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One person was confirmed dead at the weekend with seven others missing after a boat travelling from Ugborodo community in Warri South-West council area of Delta State capsized.

The incident, which occurred just three days after an intra-community fracas that claimed two lives in the oil-rich Itsekiri community of Ugborodo, was however said to be a natural accident.

Two persons died last Tuesday when a group of community youths led by their president, Ofe Penda, allegedly mounted an armed resistance against a team of over 300 community indigenes led by leaders and members of the Ugborodo Community Management Committee (UCMC) on their way to attend a meeting.

Although some persons in the community tried to link mishap to the leadership crisis in the community involving the Austin Oborogbeyi-led Ugborodo Community Management Committee (UCMC) and the Jolomi Metseagharun-led Ugborodo Administrative Committee (UAC), the Delta State Police command said the two situations had nothing to do with each other.

The Warri Area Commander of the Delta State Police Command, ACP Mohammad Shaba, told our correspondent the boat incident was a natural accident, which had nothing to do with any attack.

“It was a natural mishap, no attack or anything. Only one person died, nobody mentioned anything about missing persons. Just a natural accident, no attack,” Shaba said.

Speaking for the first time on the resurgence of the leadership crisis in Ugborodo community, the chairman of the Ugborodo Administrative Committee, Jolomi Metseagharun, said the community had nothing to do with the unfortunate incident, which claimed two lives.

He described the entire development as a despicable act of desperation of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in the state to foist its leadership on the people of

Ugborodo who are predominantly members of the opposition All Progressives Congress (APC).

He said: “How can a group claimed to be representing a community interest and when its members are coming to brief their people, they had to hire over 200 mobile policemen as escort to their community?

“This is a clear indication that they are not on ground and are only out desperately to impose themselves on the people of Ugborodo in line with the ruling PDP agenda.”



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