

# Seven dead, six injured in Edo communal clash



Seven persons have been killed and six others injured in a communal clash in **Edo State**.

The state Police Command made this known in a statement yesterday.

According to the command's spokesman, Moses Yamu, police received a distress call on February 21 of an ongoing clash between Gbelemonti and Maidoti communities of Ovia Northeast Local Government Area of the state.

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He said thereafter operatives of the Iguobazuwa Police Division, in collaboration with the Nigerian Army and vigilantes, were deployed in the area.

“The team evacuated some casualties to the hospital where seven persons were confirmed dead while six injured ones are receiving treatment. The operation is sustained as the situation has been brought under control and normalcy restored,” Yamu stated. Yamu, a Chief Superintendent of Police, said the Command had begun an investigation into the clash.

He stated that the state Commissioner of Police (9CP), Betty Otimenyin, had vowed to unravel the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate incident. The CP warned the public to channel their grievances to the appropriate authorities, rather than taking laws into their hands, he added.