

# Two die over revenue collection



Two persons have been shot dead in a renewed clash allegedly over control of revenue collection in Ughelli Main Market, **Delta state**.

It was gathered that the clash which occurred Monday, was between Ekiugbo and Iwhreko communities in Ughelli North Local Government Area.

The two communities have had a longstanding dispute over the market revenue collection rights.

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One of the victims, Onome, popularly known as Oyibo, was shot while collecting payments from petty traders at the Ughelli Main Market, while the second victim, identified simply as Nathaniel, sustained severe bullet wounds and was rushed to the Ughelli Central Hospital, where he later died.

According to a witness, "Oyibo was busy collecting levies when some unidentified men approached him. There was a brief commotion, and just as it seemed resolved, gunshots suddenly rang out. People initially thought it was just fireworks, but then everyone started fleeing when they saw Oyibo's lifeless body by the former EcoBank area."

It was also learnt that Nathaniel was assisted by three women and two men who rushed him to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.