

Commission: Witness says 5 persons killed in disturbance

THE Commission of Inquiry on the July 8, disturbances in Mgbowo in Awgu Local Government of Enugu State on Tuesday heard that five persons died contrary to police report on the incident.

Although the police had earlier said there was no casualty during disturbances, a witness, Dr Michael Udeh, tendered pictures to support his claim that five persons, including two brothers were killed by the police.

Udeh, who is also the President-General of Mgbowo Improvement Union, gave the names of deceased at Uchenna Udeh, Ndubuisi Uche, Charles Igbokwe, Kenneth Akachukwu and Ifeanyi Ezenta.

He told the commission which sat in Enugu that many people who were seriously wounded were still receiving treatment at the hospital.

The counsel to the witness, Mr Patrick Nwajagu, tendered other exhibits, including bullet shells, video tape and pictures of canopies and chairs allegedly destroyed by the police.

The Chairman of the Commission, Justice Fidelis Ngwu, who heard objections raised by various counsels to the evidence, however, accepted the evidence but warned that they would have been tendered earlier.

Youths of the community went on rampage following the creation of autonomous communities in Mgbowo town and installation of two traditional rulers by the state government.