

1 KILLED, 18 INJURED IN POLICE, ABAVO YOUTHS CLASH

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THE fierce clash between the police and the youths in Abavo community of Ika North East in Delta State has resulted to the death of one person and 18 others seriously injured.

New Nigeria's investigation revealed that the clash resulted from police indiscriminate harassment and arrest of the people in the community.

Inhabitants of Abavo community were said to have raised alarm over the excesses of the policemen deployed to the district but all their complaints were not addressed, even as those in police net were compelled to pay heavily before their freedom is restored.

In a wake of the fracas, a 12 year old boy and a palace chief, the Nadiobi of Abavo Kingdom that was sent by His Royall Highness, Obi Agu Uche Urenima to the divisional police station in the district to solicit for the release, both of the living and of the dead person, were detained by the police while many fled the community and take asylum in the

nearby villages.

It was learnt that the mayhem left a windscreen of the police Anti- Crime Patrol van vandalized and the official uniform of the policemen in the midst of the crisis torn to rags by the angry youths.

But unable to bear the threatening hullabaloo, the youths in the community had since on the 16 February, the day one was left dead and 18 others detained, engaged the policemen in the district in a fierce battle, following again the arrest of another four persons in a barbing salon.

A source told *New Nigerian* that the policemen came with full force, descended on them and raided the barbing salon at about 8pm where the boys have gone to recharge their cell phones with generator due to incessant electric power interruption in the locality.

When contacted the state Police Public Relations Officer, Miss. Olabisi Okuwobi, confirmed that there was no clash between the police and the



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youths that those arrested were found smoking Indian hemp in the early hours of the day.

She promised that they will be charged to competent court of law for prosecution.

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From PATRICK TITUS, Uyo

THE suspended Commissioner for Akwa Ibom State on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Board, Pastor Godwin Mofat Eyo may lose his seat. Commis-