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## 3 killed in Bayelsa bloody clash

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three people, on Friday, were reported to have died from machete cuts they received during an inter communal land dispute between Akenfa and Agudama-Epie communities in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State.

The deceased, who were indigenes of Agudama-Epie, were said to be on the disputed land when they were attacked.

According to reports, one of the corpses has been recovered, while the other two are still in the bush as of press time.

The lingering land dispute, it was gathered, had generated frosty relationship between Akenfa and Agudama-Epie communities.

The incident, which later triggered a clash between youths in both communities, led to the closure of schools and business premises in the area.

Security was also beefed up at the Yenagoa campus of the Nigerian Law School and the headquarters of the Central Naval Command all located at Agudama-Epie.

The intervention of the state security outfit, "Operation Doo Akpor," it was gathered, later quelled the tense situation.

Reports had it that no fewer than five youths who sustained machete injuries are currently receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital in the state capital.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Alex Akhigbe, confirmed that there were casualties, but could not give the exact figure.

Akhigbe said a team of policemen had been deployed to the scene of the clash and the situation had been put under control.

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