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# Communal clash: Policemen narrowly escape death in Delta

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Soldiers and policemen have restored normalcy in Ndokwa area of Delta State, following the mayhem that occurred last week between the people of Iselegu and Ibabu communities, when at least, two persons were killed while several houses and a filling station were burnt.

According to a reliable source, a don in the Department of Humanities, Delta State University, Abraka, Professor Felix Okpilike was recently shot dead by gunmen at Iselegu junction along Ogwashi-uku-Kwale road.

The state police Public Relations Officer, Celestina Kalu who confirmed the militarisation of the area, said policemen of the Dragon unit of the force narrowly escaped death as their vehicle was riddled with bullets from the communities.

Kalu told the Nigerian Tribune on Wednesday, that normalcy had been fully restored in the area, and that commuters plying the Ogwashi-uku – Kwale road could travel without any threat.

Meanwhile, member representing Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Honourable Ossai Nicholas Ossai has said the Delta State government was working to ensure peaceful co-existence between Ibabu and Iselegu communities in Ndokwa West and Ndokwa East local government areas of the state.

Speaking at a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leaders and stakeholders meeting at Kwale, Honourable Ossai assured the people that the Iselegu/Ibabu crisis was not beyond the Delta State government and that as such, "It cannot be presented before the Federal Government for now."

Honourable Azaka Azuka, member representing Ndokwa West in the State House of Assembly, had earlier raised a motion for the Delta State government to intervene on the floors of the state legislature.

While urging the people to be patient, Honourable Azuka said: "It is affecting all of us and I go to my village through a bush part, it is an annual crisis which is being addressed and I urge all of us not to discuss the issue here."

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