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1 feared dead, 2 injured as Aladja, Isaba youths clash in Delta

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A youth was, on Thursday, feared dead during a communal clash between youths of Aladja and Isaba communities in Delta State.

The deceased is said to be an Aladja youth, while the seriously-wounded ones were said to be Isaba youths.

Metro gathered that the fresh communal war was al-

legedly caused by a dispute over a piece of land and the fierce clash battleground was the Udu express in Udu Local Government Area.

The body of the deceased youth has reportedly been deposited in a mortuary in Warri.

Meanwhile, Area Commander of the Delta state police command, ACP Mohammed Muazu confirmed to Metro that a life

was lost in the clash.

He, however, said the imbroglio began when some Aladja youths waylaid some Ijaw youths who were ferrying illegal oil bunkering products to a destination.

Muazu said: "our boys are there, the 2IC Area Commander is very much on ground. The men of the Battalion are also on ground there; we have been

able to calm the situation down. However, one person is said to have lost his life; he is Sunday Obruche and one person said to be missing as well. But the two people; the one that was said to be missing and the one shot and killed, are both from Ayama. Ayama is under Aladja. The problem is between Ayama and Isaba. Isaba is an Ijaw faction under Ogbe-Ijoh.

"The problem, as I gathered it, the Ijaw people were coming with a boat containing bunkering products, so the Ayama people said they should stop passing through their community. They used a canoe to go confront them and according to information, the Ijaw people used a speedboat to capsize the canoe, that was why one person went missing.

"When the news went round, the Ayama people, that is the Urhobo people, gathered themselves to attack the speedboat and the people carrying the bunkering products. The Ijaw people also re-enforced themselves and came with arms, it was in this process that they shot the Ayama boy, this Sunday Obruche and he died instantly because he was shot on the chest."