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APC/APGA clash claims one in Bayelsa

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A clash on Sunday night by factions of youths of Okpoama community in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State left one person dead and many others wounded.

The deceased, identified as Iruo Ayebatonyo, was the public relations officer of Okpoama Kingdom Youths Movement.

Ayebatonyo was reportedly shot at a close range in the neck and died shortly after arriving at the Niger Delta University Teaching Hospital, Okolobiri, in Yenagoa Local Government Area of the state.

Okpoama community is the country home of former governor, Timipre Sylva and the member representing Brass Constituency 2 in the state House of Assembly, Mr Belemote Watson.

The incident happened when two factions loyal to some members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) clashed.

It was learnt that a faction of the youth body that arrived the community at about 8.00 p.m. on Sunday was attacked on arrival at the waterside and they reportedly returned fire.

Sources said the exchange of gunfire between the warring factions led to injuries and the attendant crisis in the community.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Asini Butswat, said he had not been properly briefed on the incident.

He said he was in consultation with the newly deployed Commissioner of Police over the incident.

Police declare IBB

Mr Kazeem Afegbua, spokesman for former military president, General Ibrahim Babangida, has been declared wanted by the police.

Mr Afegbua, a former commissioner for information in Edo State, was declared wanted because of conflicting statements purportedly issued by the former military president and released by him, bordering on the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari and his aspiration for 2019.

The Force Public Relations Officer, Mr Jimoh Moshood, in a message sent to the Nigerian Tribune last night, said Afegbua was wanted for giving

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THE Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, has deployed 15 additional police units, special forces, technical and intelligence teams to contain further attacks in Benue.

Mr Fatai Owoseni, the Commissioner of Police in the state, disclosed this in Makurdi, while addressing newsmen on Monday.