

2 Two killed, houses burnt in Oyo community

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THERE was pandemonium in Ajaawa community of Ajaawa Ogooluwa Local Government Area of Oyo State when two residents of the area were reportedly killed on Wednesday morning, the *Nigerian Tribune* gathered.

Trouble was said to have ensued when suspected kidnappers attempted to abduct a leader of traditionalists in the town but failed in their bid.

According to the source, "a popular butcher, Lamidi Eleran, who sells cow in the area, saw the suspected kidnappers while attempting to abduct the traditionalist. However, they later lured the butcher to buy cow in their settlement, where he was killed."

His killing, it was gathered, sparked a protest in front of the house of a contender for the Alajaawa stool, who allegedly shot one of the protesters.

Irked by the killing of the protester, youths in the town took to the streets and set ablaze all the properties belonging to the contender to the throne, including vehicles and hotels located in the town.

A member of Odu'a Peoples Congress (OPC) in the town who pleaded anonymity confirmed the incident to the *Nigerian Tribune*.

Efforts to get the reaction of the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of Oyo State police command, Adewale Osifeso, were unsuccessful as calls put to his mobile phone did not go through.

However, a police source in the area confirmed the incident.

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