

Officer, Frank Mba, during the weekly State House briefing at the Presidential villa, Abuja, on Thursday.

## Four feared killed as Delta communities clash over land

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FOUR persons have been feared killed during a gun duel between Okwagbe and Owahwa communities in Ughelli South Local Government Area of Delta State over an age-long land dispute.

Although details of the incident are sketchy, it was

gathered late Thursday that the two neighbouring communities engaged themselves in a gun duel, leaving several people injured.

It was gathered that while three persons were feared dead on the side of Okwagbe, one death was recorded against Owahwa.

A source confirmed the development in a text

message to the *Nigerian Tribune*: "Yes, three persons were killed at Okwagbe and one killed at Okwakwa community over an age-long land dispute. Police already deployed in the area."

Okwagbe is a village in Ughelli South Local Government Area located on the Forçados river, and

shares boundaries with Oginibo, Okuemor, Otegbo, Owahwa, Egbo-Ide and Okreka (Ofonibaya) communities, among others.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Bright Edafe, confirmed the development, but did not give details of casualties.