

Gunman kills youth in Delta community

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A gunman has reportedly killed a youth leader in one of the quarters in Ekpan, Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

The deceased, simply identified as Alama, was shot dead on Saturday during the electoral process for the position of the new youth chairman and his vice.

A young man, who identified himself as the elder brother of the deceased, confirmed the incident in

a community notorious for arms struggle and communal unrest.

"We were supposed to conduct the election and hand over today (Saturday).

"Everyone knows Alama was having the upper hand, but the incumbent leader started playing foul games which was why people revolted.

"Before we knew it, Alama was shot. They killed him," he lamented, while declining to identify himself.

Another young man, who also pleaded anonymity, stated that Alama had al-

legedly instigated youths to disrupt the election and transition process which escalated into a full blown community clash which warranted the army being drafted to intervene.

"He was hit by a stray bullet in the leg. No one planned to kill anyone. The people were fighting.

"The army came in to bring peace, but Alama would not have it," he alleged.

It was gathered that the victim was immediately rushed to the Warri Central Hospital, where he eventu-

ally gave up the ghost.

The doctor who tried to revive him stated that the victim had lost too much blood, hence the cause of death.

Meanwhile, to avert a breakdown of law and order, soldiers from 3 Battalion, Effurun, have mounted barricade on the Ekpan-Express junction road to check the activities of the youths in the area.

Delta State Police Command Public relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Bright Edafe, was yet respond to the incident at the time of filing the report.