

# Tension in Delta community as gangsters kill youth leader

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**T**HE frosty relationship between the officials of Uvwie Local Government area of Delta State and the leadership of Uvwie Youth Council, degenerated on Saturday, with the killing of one person and wounding of many others.

Our correspondent reported that periodical altercations between persons loyal to the council officials and the youth council had resulted in fresh tension in the community in the past one month.

Reports of robbery, rape and physical attack on law abiding citizens are rampant as the police appear helpless in restoring law and order to the area.

The youth body had accused council of poor performance.

Commissioner of Police, Delta State Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, said 10 suspects had been arrested.

Meanwhile, the police have arrested two ad-hoc officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission and a prominent politician (name withheld) in the state.

Our correspondent learnt that the officials were picked up at New Layout, Ekpan, Uvwie Local Government area of the state.

It was learnt that the INEC officials, detailed to work at Okoloba-Ogbeinma ward in Bomadi Local Government area, were diverted to the Ekpan residence of the politician.

Findings by our correspondent revealed that they were issuing voter cards for the politician and his supporters when information got to the police.

The Commissioner, Delta State Police Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, confirmed the report in a telephone interview with our correspondent.