

# 11 feared dead in Edo clashes

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**N**O fewer than 11 people have been reportedly killed in fresh clashes that



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e counterpart, Alhaji Abdullahi

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before. The Clerk misdirected the House. I therefore urge the House to reject those votes as far as my name is concerned."

But Tsegba in his response said that it was not in doubt that he was duly nominated and seconded during the election.

He added that the House records would still stand, but that the correction would be done in Wednesday's proceedings.

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alone."

He commended the Nigerian – American Chambers of Commerce for its role in promoting trade and commerce in the country.

The Vice-President also welcomed the idea of creating wealth and development with the chambers, a proposal aimed at repositioning the nations' exports in the petroleum sector to the United

erupted on Tuesday between the Akuku and Ewan communities in Akoko Edo Local Government Area of Edo State.

Police, however, said they had confirmed only two deaths from each of the feuding communities.

One of the victims from Akuku, identified as Sunday Joshua, was said to be on his way to work at Afuze in Owan East Local Government Area when he was abducted and killed. Another one, simply identified as Ojo, was beheaded by his captors.

The seven other people killed, the sources said, were women of Akuku origin married to Ewan men and were suspected to have been leaking information to their kith and kin in Ewan.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Peter Ogboi, said he could only confirm two deaths and the arrest of 15 people since the clashes broke out.

He could not say if the violence had been brought under control.

Four people had been killed and several houses burnt about two months ago when the two communities clashed over a long standing land dispute.

The House of Assembly had set up a committee to investigate the matter and report back. It also called on the commissioner of police to intervene and restore peace to the communities.

States market under the duty/quota free benefits of the African Growth and Opportunity Act through the introduction of Nigerian refined Petroleum Products.

Oji acknowledged the efforts of the administration to reenergise the economy through the various economic reforms, especially as highlighted by the President's seven-point economic agenda.