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One person was killed and many others injured on Sunday when members of the Movement for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra and the Association of Igbo Youth Organisations clashed at a hideout near Onitsha, Anambra State.

The clash, our correspondent gathered, occurred when MASSOB members went to a bush camp off the Onitsha-Owerri Expressway to dislodge AIYO operatives.

The MASSOB's Director of Information, Mr. Uchenna Madu, who spoke on the clash, said his group was reacting to complaints from members of the public about the criminal activities of AIYO members.

Madu said MASSOB got complaints that AIYO operatives were using their camps along Onitsha-Owerri road to torture people.

He said, "MASSOB as the genuine Igbo group genuinely fighting for Ndigbo after bad reports of rape, kidnapping, illegal arrest and detention and armed robberies by a group of miscreants that called themselves AIYO decided to move into their illegal camps where even security agents could not enter. we have taken over the area and dislodged them.

"On many occasions, they had kidnapped people including our men, took them to these il where the victims were forced to part with money and other valuables to regain their freedom

However, a leader of AIYO, who craved anonymity, said members of MASSOB invaded i dangerous weapons and tried to dislodge them.

The AIYO leader accused MASSOB members of committing atrocities against reside continually extorting money from them and sponsoring criminal activities.

Meanwhile, the Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuem incident but said nobody died in the clash.

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