

# Two feared killed, 18 injured in Delta communal clash

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Two men, Owomake Omogomugho (43) and Prince Ometobor (24) were reportedly shot dead on the spot while 18 others were wounded in the early hours of Thursday, following renewed violence between the warring factions in Ibrede Town, in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State.

The youth president of the community, Gideon Imegwu, said, "Our people, mainly youths, were among other fishermen going to fish in Utue, Onyema and Onomisa lakes near Akarai (a neighbouring community) when gunmen suspected to be members of Ugboh family ambushed and shot at them, leading to the death of the two while 18 were injured. They have been hospitalised at various hospitals around Ndokwa and Isoko area."

An eyewitness, who claimed to have narrowly missed death, Mr. Peter Omamuzo, told our correspondent that they were going to join other persons at the fishing lakes, when suddenly some armed men emerged from the bush and opened fire on them, adding, "Many of us were hit by bullets while we were running away."

When our correspondent got to the Ashaka police station, the bodies of the deceased were being taken to the mortuary while the injured were making statements to the police.

Police image maker in the state, Mrs. Celestina Kalu, while reacting to the incident said, "The police have arrested some persons who are currently being interviewed while investigation is ongoing."

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