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One dies, 20 houses destroyed as cultists, youths clash

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ibiri community. Photo: olafusimichael.com

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about 20 buildings on fire in Bayelsa State.

The incident occurred on Thursday in Ogbolomabiri community, in the Nembe Local Government Area of the state.



The clash was said to have caused pandemonium in the community as the suspected cult members looted shops and business premises operated by non-indigenes and indigenes.

It was learnt that Isere, who was reportedly being chased by the members of the Nembe Youth Congress, jumped into a river and drowned.

It was gathered that when his corpse floated along the waterways, some suspected cult members in his support went berserk and vented their anger on the buildings, cars and shops in the community.

They were said to have destroyed about 20 buildings, burnt vehicles and looted shops in the community.

A house belonging to the father of a prominent chief in the community, Chief Nengi James, was reportedly torched by the rampaging youths.

A source from the community said, “Trouble started on Monday when a principal member of the Nembe Youth Congress slapped Isere around the venue of a chieftaincy installation.

The Nembe City Clan Chairman of the Ijaw Youth Council, Yenimi Dick-Agbe, who confirmed the incident, appealed to the government to intervene in order to restore peace to the community.

But Daukoru was said to have held an emergency meeting with members of his council of chiefs to stop the crisis.

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