

Police inspector ambushed, shot dead

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HOSTILITIES between boundary inhabitants of Ikot Offiong in Cross River and the people of Oku Iboku in Akwa Ibom State on Wednesday have led to the death of a police inspector and destruction of properties.

It was gathered that the inspector was ambushed, killed and his AK47 rifle taken away by his assailants.

However, the cause of the fight could not be ascertained even as angry villagers allegedly blocked the Calabar-Itu highway and prevented commuters and transporters from proceeding to their destinations.

The Cross River State Commissioner of Police, Nkereuwem Akpan, confirmed the killing of the police inspector and snatching of his weapon.

He decried the incident and said policemen had been deployed to the affected areas to restore peace and order.

He said, "The incident happened on Wednesday night. It occurred at Akwa Ibom side of the head bridge. Some communities in Akwa Ibom had a communal clash. Some persons strayed into the bush, came out and attacked a police inspector on duty and shot him dead. They made away with his AK 47 rifle. The cause of the clash is yet to be determined."