

Boundary dispute: Youths protest against murder of 12 in Delta community

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Angry youths in Oleh community in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State on Friday trooped out in a peaceful protest against the murder of 12 indigenes allegedly by people from neighbouring Ozoro community.

The protesting youths dressed in black attire said they embarked on the protest to hasten justice for their slain kinsmen murdered on a disputed farmland between Oleh and Ozoro boundary.

Eyewitnesses said that the youth started the protest from the popular Yanga market and stopped at the Oleh Police Station where the Divisional Police Officer assured them of justice.

Crisis erupted two weeks ago between the two neighbouring Delta communities of Oleh and Ozoro in the Isoko South and Isoko North Local Government Areas youths in the areas engaged in renewed hostilities over the lingering boundary dispute between both communities.

City Round gathered that casualties were recorded from both sides during the supremacy battle.

Several youths were said to have been injured in the attack which occurred at a disputed market area in Ozoro.

The two warring communities are the major towns in Isokoland in the state. Oleh community hosting the Law Campus of the Delta State University is the administrative headquarters of Isoko South LGA, while Ozoro where the Delta State Polytechnic is sited, is the headquarters of Isoko North.

Armed youths from one of the communities reportedly attacked the market area in Ozoro which is the centre of the land in dispute.

In the ensuing pandemonium, some residents were said to have sustained varying degrees of injury in the crisis.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, said though she couldn't immediately confirm the number of deaths in the crisis, the police were beefing up security in the area.

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