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Two die as Rivers youths clash

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THE Delta State Police Command has confirmed the death of two people as rival youth groups clashed in Ekpan community, in the Uvwie Local Government Area of the state during the Christmas celebration.

PUNCH Metro gathered that many sustained varying degrees of injury and were rushed to the Central Hospital, Warri, for treatment.

A source said, "The clash between the rival youth groups claimed five lives on Saturday, December 24,

2022.

"The cause of the clash is not known. But it was gathered that both groups belonged to rival leadership factions in Ekpan community."

"Reports say five residents lost their lives in the shootout. One of the victims was a petty trader who sold wares to youths celebrating the Christmas Eve at an all-night party."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, confirmed the incident.

The PPRO told journalists on Sunday that two persons were confirmed dead.