

Police probe man's death in Rivers youths, militia clash

Dennis Naku, Port Harcourt

THE Rivers State Police Command has confirmed the death of one person during a clash between some youths and a local security outfit in Degema Local Government Area of the state on Saturday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the crisis started when youths and other members of the community went to carry

a corpse deposited at the Degema General Hospital to the mortuary for burial.

It was learnt that they were allegedly attacked by the armed security outfit called 'Amama soldiers' along the popular Degema market junction.

During the melee that broke out, a yet-to-be identified youth who was shot on the leg later died, even as the clash escalated and the burial temporarily

disrupted.

It took the intervention of a police team that arrived at the scene to quell the crisis and restore normalcy in the area to prevent further attacks.

Spokesperson for the state police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police, Olatunji Disu, had ordered a full scale investigation into the incident.

Iringe-Koko, a Superintendent of Police added,

"Already the Divisional Police Officer deployed a patrol team and they are still in the community monitoring the situation.

"The Commissioner of Police has already deployed additional security to that community to ensure there is no breakdown of law and order. He has also ordered a full scale investigation to ascertain the immediate and remote causes of the crisis with a view to punish anyone found wanting.

Continued on www.punchng.com