

Youths clash with police in C' River

■ Two killed, DPO's house vandalized

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Two persons have been reportedly killed and the Divisional Police Officer's residence vandalized as Ogoja youths in Ogoja local government area of Cross River State clashed with police.

The clash was as a result of a bloody clash between the Ogoja Police Division and the Ishibori youths over failed attempts to arrest the chief of Ndok community.

Eye-witness account told Sunday Sun that trouble started when the chairman of land allocation committee of Ndok community, Hon. Ekpang Ujeh, was allegedly removed over his alleged involvement in selling of community land.

But the youth leader refused to step down and rather lodged a complaint with the police that his life was under threat.

"And on Tuesday night," the account continued, "the police stormed the Ndok village to effect arrest of some youths said to be behind the moves to remove the youth leader."

But the youths were said to have made it difficult for the security personnel to arrest those fingered in the community crisis. Following their resistance, the

Chief of the Community, Chief Ntol Akpana, was arrested.

According to the account, "On getting word of the arrest of their chief the youths were said to have blocked the police and in the process the police opened fire killing one youth and injuring another."

"In protest, the youths mounted protest along the Ikom-Ogoja Highway and later decided to go and drop the corpse of their colleague at Igoli Police Division in Ogoja Town."

"On sighting the irate youths coming with the corpse, a crack team of policemen, who mounted checks, opened fire. In the ensuing crisis, a school girl was hit by stray bullets and she was rushed to hospital."

One of the youths leaders from Ogoja, confident in our reporter that a little girl died at the early hours of Saturday.

This development angered the Ndok, Igbo and Ishibori youths who re-grouped to launch an attack on the police Thursday.

It was learnt that the Ishibori youths led a group of boys to the DPO officer's residence and destroyed the house with property worth hundreds of thousands vandalized.

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