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of Oruma and
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community in Ogbia
local government area
of Bayelsa state in the
early hours of Saturday snow-balled into
a major crisis with
one person reportedly
killed.

According to investigations, clashes between two cult groups from the two communities at a wakekeeping in Oruma community triggered the crisis.

The clash which started with an argument later led to fisticuffs and the use of dangerous weapons and one of the youths from Otuasega was badly wounded.

He was being taken to the hospital when he died, a development which irked Otuasega youths as they came back to their community and mobilized to attack Oruma community.

Otuasega youths wielding dangerous weapons barricaded the road leading to Oruma community and commenced a stop and search on vehicles and motorbikes.

Checks indicated that Policemen attached to the Bayelsa Police security outfit, Operation Doo Akpor that were deployed to provide security at the event were reinforced Saturday morning by more Policemen to contain the crisis and stop a breach of peace.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr Hilary Opara in a telephone interview confirmed the incident, adding however that the situation has been brought under control.

