

## 2 shot dead over leadership tussle in Delta

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**A**t least, two persons were shot dead yesterday in a renewed leadership tussle, Ekpan in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Daily Sun gathered that the incident occurred at about 5.30pm at the Bunkering Junction near the ever-busy NPA Expressway.

A source in the community told Daily Sun that trouble started when the community chairman whose tenure had allegedly expired refused to vacate his position. In the ensuing fight between youths loyal to both factions, one of the youths described as the son of a prominent chief in the area, rushed home for a gun and allegedly shot at one of the youths, identified as Samuel, in the chest and another unidentified person.

Following the tension induced by the incident, men of the Joint Task Force had been drafted to the community to restore peace.

It was gathered that the other faction had threatened to burn down every house belonging to the suspect's family.

Already, residents of the area, it was learnt, were deserting their homes due to the threat to attack the area.

Efforts to contact the divisional police officer (DPO) in-charge of the area failed as calls placed to his telephone line were not picked. Also, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Celestina Kalu, said she had not been briefed on the incident.

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## Nation Kutigi

**P**roceedings at plenary session the national conference were a journeled abruptly on a s note yesterday following the news of the death Maryamu, the wife of conference Chairman a retired chief justice of federation, Justice Id Kutigi.

Maryamu, aged 70, died the National Hospital in Al ja at about 2 am and has ready been buried at the Gu Muslim Cemetery, Abuja, line with Islamic rites.

Deputy Chairman of conference and former minister of foreign affairs, Pr Bolaji Akinyemi, who pres ed over a brief session of conference said it was o proper that the conference