

DPO, 2 others feared dead in clash over kidnappers' den

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A Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and two other persons were feared dead in the Adekile Goodwill area of Ibadan, Oyo State yesterday evening.

They were reportedly killed during a clash between policemen and irate youths following the discovery of a kidnappers' den in a house in the area.

Checks by Daily Sun revealed that a child, who got missing in the community some days ago was found in the underground apartment of the house.

The police were said to have been alerted to the development, which led to the arrest of the owner of the building.

The incident reportedly angered the youths in the community and they mobilised to destroy the building. But the police were said to have prevented the irate youths from their mission.

The intervention by the police reportedly infuriated the youths, who resorted to pelting the police. Unverified reports said the youths fired gunshots at the police.

An eyewitness, who preferred anonymity, said: "The angry youths were many but the policemen were very few. I learnt that the mob killed a policeman. The police also killed two among the youths as a result of the alleged assault on them."

Men of the Nigerian Army have been drafted to the community to protect lives and

property. The irate youths were also said to have attacked the soldiers before they were dispersed with teargas canisters.

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FROM GEOFFREY
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Senator-elect for Anambra Central Senatorial District, Mrs. Uche Ekwunife yesterday commended President Goodluck Jonathan for showing sportsmanship in the Presidential election by accepting the outcome of the exercise and congratulating the winner, Gen. Muhammadu Buhari of All Progressives Congress (APC).

Ekwunife, who thanked the people of her Senatorial District for their support in March 28 National Assembly

election, described her victory at the polls as the manifestation of the general wishes of the masses that had been yearning for proper and quality representation especially at the highest chambers of the National Assembly.

In a statement signed by her Media Assistant, Emmanuel Uzor, the Senator-elect expressed surprise at the rejection of the result of the senatorial election by the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) candidate, Chief Victor Umeh, boasting that she would defeat him again even if the contest was done again.