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Bayelsa youths kill govt's surveyor over land dispute

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One person was killed at the weekend during a land dispute between Opolo and Okutukutu communities in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Commissioner of Police, Bayelsa State Police Command, Mr. Paul Okafor has, however, deployed anti-riot policemen to the two communities to prevent further breakdown of law and order.

The two communities had been involved in a land dispute for many years until the Supreme Court reportedly

ruled in favour of Opolo community.

Trouble, however started at the weekend when some government officials in company with community leaders went to conduct boundary demarcation but were attacked by machete-wielding youths from one of the communities.

One of the government officials, Mr. Kolu Edi Robert was inflicted with several deep machete cuts.

Robert and other victims of the attack were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC). On hearing of the attack and Roberts death, youths from the other community decided to launch a reprisal attack but the prompt

deployment of anti-riot policemen and operatives of Bayelsa State security outfit, Operation Doo Akpor prevented further breakdown of law and order.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Ansim Butwats, who confirmed the incident, said the situation was under control as the police had deployed its men to the two communities.

He urged residents of the communities to go about their legitimate businesses as the police were on top of the situation.

Butwats said no arrest had been made but police were already investigating the circumstances that led to the death of Robert.