4 die in MASSOB battle for Freedom House

From **George Onyejiuwa**, Owerri

for the Actualisation of the Sovereign State of Biafra (MASSOB) were last Friday killed in a renewed intragroup battle for the control of the Freedom House, in Okwe, Imo State.

According to Fidelis Nwafor, who said he escaped by the whiskers dur-

ing the clashes, no fewer than 15 vehicles loaded with MASSOB members of another faction attacked the Freedom House, in a bid to take over control.

He said: "While our leader, Arinze Ojoko was still asking what the invasion was all about, we heard 'conquer them, conquer them. They clubbed our leader until he died. That was when most of us fled for our dear lives."

Similarly, Chukwuma Azi (Anwuruoku) said he was cooking when they were attacked. According to him, he was lucky to escape.

"We first heard siren and we thought it was the police or vigilance group officials. Before we knew it, they were already upon us. I sustained machete cuts in the head, belly and back before I escaped into the forest."

