

4 killed in Rivers communal clash

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FOUR persons are now feared dead following a clash between the people of Gwara and Gwure communities in Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State.

Sunday Sun gathered yesterday, that some youths claimed are from Gwara, stormed Gwure community over a dispute concerning a young girl allegedly abducted and raped

by Gwure youths.

A source, who gave his name as Simple Nelue, said five other persons were allegedly abducted and houses burnt in Gwure community in the LGA in a reprisal attack. Nelue said the young girl, whose name was not disclosed, had gone to visit her grandmother in Gwure, before some boys overpowered and abused her sexually. According to the source, aggrieved youths, who saw the abduction

and rape of the girl as an affront to their commune, chopped off the hand of one of the perpetrators. On his part, the Youth President of Gwure community, Kpakue Famous, has appealed to security agencies and the authority of the Council, to deploy more policemen to both communities to forestall further attacks. The Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Nnamdi Omoni, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), could not respond

to the matter, at the time of filing the report. Meanwhile, the Chairman, Caretaker Committee of Khana LGA, Gbene Lekue Zini, has confirmed the killing of some persons as a result of communal clash between the people of Gwara and Gwure communities. Gbene Zini made the confirmation after meeting the leadership of both communities. He said security agencies had been deployed to both communities to restore peace.