Gunmen shoot 3 dead in Bayelsa

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Three people have been confirmed killed in a supremacy battle between two groups in Opu-Nembe in Nembe Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

The Youth President of Opu Nembe, Moses Ayerite, lost his aide in the gun battle.

The unidentified gunmen reportedly shot him and his girlfriend at his residence before they went into the community to shoot another person yet to be identified.

A source claimed that some youths invaded the community and started shooting sporadically, with residents of the community scampering for safety.

"He was in the company of his girlfriend and they were both killed. Another person was shot dead.

"The home of the Opu-Nembe Youth President, Ayerite Moses, was also attacked and vandalised.

Contacted on the development, the spokesman of the State Police Command, Asinim Butswat, confirmed that "there was a clash between rival groups at Nembe Bassambiri on February 15, 2023, at about 2200 hours, the casualty figure cannot be ascertained at the moment."

Opu Nembe was a theatre of brutal killings in the build up to the Bayelsa 2019 governorship election.