

I witnessed another clash between party agents.

### **Deaths... Hijack of Electoral Materials**

While at Rukpokwu, the driver received a phone call that soldiers had killed one Chris at Ward 3, Unit 002, Oghale community in Eleme, a drive of about 30 minutes away. I asked the driver to move but by the time we got there, the tension had died down – only lamentations and different accounts. The people preferred discussing the issue among themselves rather than granting interview to the press – and they did in hushed tones.

While some said Chris was killed when he attempted to prevent thugs from hijacking electoral materials, others said he died because he was confrontational with the soldiers. I also heard of how gunmen hijacked electoral materials meant for Wards 4, 5, and 6 in Buguma and torched some houses in Bera and Gokana local government areas.

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