

Inspector killed in C'River, Akwa Ibom communal clash

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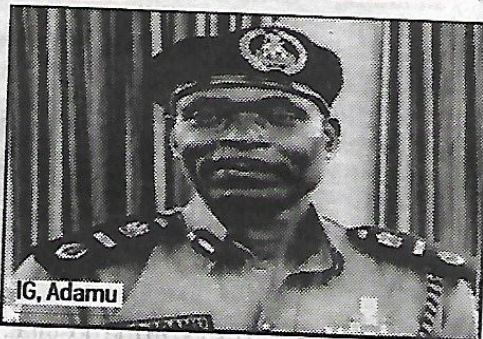
A Police Inspector has been killed as the age-long war between Akwa Ibom and Cross River states communities resumed at the boundary between the two states on Wednesday.

According to an eye witness, who pleaded anonymity, the crisis, which has continued to rage since Wednesday, has disrupted traffic flow along the every busy Calabar/Itu road, with commuters unable to get to their destinations.

The cause of the current crisis is yet to be ascertained, but it was learnt that some ele-

ments in Oku Iboku in Akwa Ibom had taken on their Ikot Offiong brothers in Cross River, where the inspector was shot dead.

The eyewitness said: "Some of the people, who laid ambush, attacked a police inspector. The inspector was shot dead



and his AK47 rifle taken away."

The new Commissioner of Police in Cross River, Mr Nkereuwem A. Akpan, who confirmed the killing of the Inspector, lamented the incessant crisis between the two communities, disclosing that a team of policemen had been deployed to the affected areas.

The Commissioner of Police further noted: "The incident happened on Wednesday night. It occurred at Akwa Ibom side of the head bridge. Some communities in Akwa Ibom had a communal clash. People, who were in the bush came out to attack the inspector. The inspector was on his lawful duty. He was shot dead and his rifle taken. The cause of the clash is yet to be determined."