



# 4 Killed in Renewed Clashes in Port Harcourt

The crises which erupted in Rumuolumeni, Port Harcourt, Rivers State following the killing of former chieftain of National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) and youth leader, Chief Golden Isi, does not seem to be abetting as no fewer than four people were mowed down yesterday in a renewed clash.

Although the cause of the renewed clash could not be immediately ascertained, the sound of automatic weapons were heard till late yesterday evening while residents for the second time within June, scammed for safety. When THISDAY passed through the area, a number of residents, mostly non-indigenes, were seen carting their personal effects like refugees and fleeing the troubled zone. They were in such a hurry that they refused to pause to respond to questions.

**From Ahamefula Ogbu**  
in Port Harcourt

Information available said that Isi who seem to be from Kalabari had some loyalists under him who have reorganised and vowed to avenge the death of their leader.

But another possible course

of the renewed violence may be traced to the sharing of compensation from oil companies located in the area. This has been discovered to be the issue at stake which has led to the death of at least 11 people and is not abetting. Some elders of the community who spoke under a condition of

anonymity, alleged that some chaps, they called the Kalabari boys, were chasing them (Ikwerre) and real owners of Rumuolumeni away with their weapons.

They claimed that the Kalabari boys were latching on the death of Isi to wreak avoidable havoc on them and their

property, pointing out that if they had genuine intentions, sharing what has been given to them by the oil companies in the area ought not to turn to a curse for them.

Contacted, the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Felix Ogbaudu, confirmed that the new fighting started Friday

night and raged till yesterday but said that the police have recorded two casualties from the clash. He blamed the crises on the killing of Isi whose boys he said returned for a revenge, adding that there was also the issue of sharing the proceeds from oil companies in the area.

## Sultan Urges Unified Muslim Group

Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sa'ad Abubakar has urged various muslim organisations to come together so as to move the religion forward.

Sultan Abubakar stressed the need for the formation of Youth Muslim Organisation that would comprise all Muslim Youth organisations in the country. The Sultan made this known yesterday, when the National Council of Muslim Youth Organisation (NACOMYO) paid him a

**From Mohammed Aminu**  
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courtesy visit in his palace in Sokoto. The Sultan noted that there is the need for a stronger and unified Muslim youth body, which would coordinate the activities of all Muslim youth organisations in the country. "The NSCIA has proposed for a unified body of the youth organisations in the name of the Youth Muslim Organisation. This is geared towards bringing

together all the Muslim youth organisations not only to foster unity amongst the youth organisations, but also to forge the activities of Islam in uniform." "The Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, NSCIA is determined to build a strong *ummah*, which no one can break. In this line, we are reorganising the NSCIA where there would be zonal offices with secretariat staff."

According to him, the Muslim youth would further be encouraged with a view to

ensuring that they acquire knowledge from the elders in order to propagate same and also share the one they have.

"As you are aware, no one has monopoly of knowledge. The Muslim youth would be encouraged to share in the knowledge that the elders have and vice versa. The youth shall be made to acquire knowledge from the elders in order to propagate and we shall also take from what you have in order to move ahead," he averred.

He therefore called on the

Muslim youth to draw the attention of the National Supreme Council of Islamic Affairs especially where they have gone wrong and can also offer advice on issues that affect muslims in the country. Speaking earlier, NACOMYO President, Alhaji Muhammad Lawal Maidoki said the organisation had been engaged in Islamic activities that included Da'awah, Islamic education, youth empowerment, and had also served as a watchdog on government policies.

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