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Three Killed as Okada Riders, Community Clash

From Victor Efeizomor in Asaba, 04.08.2010

Three persons have been confirmed killed following a clash between members of motor cycle riders, popularly called Okada and people of Okpanam Community, Oshimili North Local Government in Delta State. Okpanam is a few kilometers away from Asaba, the Delta State Capital.

THISDAY gathered that trouble started when one of the sons of the royal father of the community, the Asagba of Okpanam, allegedly boarded an Okada and an argument ensued over the fare on getting to his destination.

This development, it was gathered, resulted in a scuffle between the prince of the community and the Okada rider, who is believed to hail from Anambra State.

Consequently, the royal father's son was said to have been hit on the head with a hard object. The prince was said to have sustained an injury on the head which led to his death.

The Okada rider, THISDAY learnt, took refuge at a nearby police post in the community but the community people, upon hearing the death of the Prince mobilised and launched a reprisal attack. The Okada man was said to be forcefully pulled out from the police station and hacked to death. The youths were also said to have gone to the Okada man's house where his half brother was also killed.

Delta Police image maker, ASP Charles Muka, who confirmed the story, said only one person died as a result of the clash and could not confirm if the incident was cult related.

THISDAY learnt that some victims of the attack are lying critically injured at the Federal Medical Centre, Asaba as at the time of filing this report.

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