

# A'Ibom: Communal Conflict Claims 10

**I**t was a bloody Christmas in Akwa Ibom State as about 10 people were feared killed with many houses burnt and several persons injured when two communities in Oron local government area of the state carried arms against each other over alleged disputed parcel of land.

THISDAY gathered that the two warring communities, Eyo Abasi and Idua went to war following alleged discovery of substance suspected to be crude oil in the land that served as their boundary.

Although both communities had a cat and dog relationship, the current conflict it was also learnt was as a result of the people of Eyo Abasi carrying masquerade to Idua village. The latter thus engaged them in a fight in an attempt to stop the play advancing to the Idua community.

Sources said the communities employed sophisticated armaments including explosives

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*From Okon Bassey in Uyo*

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materials thus diminishing the joy and mood of the season in the area and the environment.

According to eye witnesses account, following heavy bombardment from both communi-

ties some of the locals mostly children, women and the aged have since escaped to the neighbouring communities and the local government headquarters in Oron.

A lady residing in Oron told THISDAY that a cripple woman who could not escape from the

attack was burnt to ashes, while a young boy from Eyo Abasi was shot dead yesterday.

When THISDAY visited the villages, the entire area looked deserted and very quiet but visible were the structures of the houses touched in the course of the fight.

## Nwodo, Nwobodo, Others Plot against Chime

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*From Chuks Okocha*

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*in Abuja*

moved against the governor.

Others moving against the governor include Senator Hyde Onuaguluchi, Chief Silas Ilo among others. As part of the move against the governor, State House of Assembly aspirants in the state that did not attend a rescheduled screening in Abuja, stands disqualified.

The opposition against the governor, it was gathered, was

sealed at a meeting with the National Chairman of PDP, Dr. Okwesilieze Nwodo and other members of the National Working Committee (NWC) of the party in Abuja last Friday.

Nwobodo and others met Nwodo led NWC following the sacking of the State House of Assembly Screening Committee and the composition of a new one which the Chime led group boycotted.

After the meeting at the second floor office of Nwodo, all the opposition politicians in Enugu state were seen hugging