

Six die in Rumuakunde community clash

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PORT HARCOURT — THE member representing Emohua constituency in the state House of Assembly, Mr. Chidi Loyd yesterday, confirmed the death of six of his constituency members in the crisis that erupted week-end in one of the communities in his local government.

Regretting the lives lost the legislator said the sad incident had noting to do with political contentions even as he appealed to those involved to embrace peace at all times.

When *Vanguard* prodded him for comments on the cause he declined but rather said whatever was responsible for the conflict, it was not enough reason to kill any-

body.

He said peace had however returned to the area. But that police were still patrolling the town.

"The killing was disheartening. Whatever the problem, was not enough to kill anyone. No house was burnt. The whole sad thing had nothing to do with politics. Myself and the Council Chairman ran to the place that day it happened. Police have intensified patrol of the area," he said.

It will be recalled that trouble started in Rumuakunde community in the local government on Saturday when youths suspected to be from another area invaded the community, killing six persons. Sources told the *Vanguard* that two of the deceased were from the same parents.