

# Two more persons killed in Bodo communal crisis

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**P**ORT HARCOURT—**D**ESPITE last week's reported detention of a serving Commissioner in Rivers State and a state legislator over crisis in Bodo, Gokana local government area by men of the State Security Service (SSS) two persons were allegedly killed again weekend and scores injured in a renewed crisis in the area.

A Police report, which confirmed the incident, said the two warring cult groups resumed fighting on Saturday. One of them according to the report killed a member of the other group who was simply identified as Agbara around Bote quarters.

The second person reportedly killed by the same group the Police said was first abducted and later slashed into shreds. Continuing, the report gave some of those injured as Omokachi and Akpangbo. For fear of being arrested the Police statement said they fled into hiding for treatment.

It would be recalled that trouble broke out in Bodo

about two months ago. And since then about twelve persons had been killed with several others sustaining different degrees of bullet injury.

Effort to address the situation in the past by leaders of the area had failed.

Meanwhile, sources told Vanguard that a serving Commissioner and a legislator in the state were detained last week by the SSS over the crisis. Their link with it could not be established at press time. But community sources said politicians from the area were behind the crisis.

In a related development robbers weekend stormed a big supermarket in new GRA and an eatery on Aba road where they carted about 1.7million naira. The robbers who were heavily armed according to sources also raided adjoining shops in the area. A Policeman and several persons were allegedly wounded.

The action of the robbers a source told the Vanguard necessitated the pulling down of make shift structures in front of Presidential Hotel where illegal forex trade was taking place.