

Violence aborts Urhobo leaders parley, 5 feared killed

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AT LEAST five persons were feared killed in Ughelli following a misunderstanding between a member of the Delta State House of Assembly (name withheld) and his aides over non-payment of stipend even as the violence was alleged to be the reason the meeting of Urhobo leaders in Ughelli was put off.

Among those feared killed were three youths from Ughelli, an SPDC driver and a soldier leading to a military siege on the town. Senator Fred Brume and Maj. Gen. David A. Ejoor who briefed the mammoth gathering at the Ughelli Kingdom hall said the postponement was occasioned by the security report that the town was unsafe for such meeting.

The meeting was called to address the Urhobo nation on the state of political affair in Delta State with a title "The Urhobo Nation at cross roads". Senator Fred Brume and David Ejoor therefore appealed to the gathering to bear with the situation, stating that the meeting is hereby postponed till further notice and express satisfaction over the conduct of the teaming populace and urge them not to be disappointed by the disruption of the event, noting that the police duly issued a clearance permit for the conference.