

9 killed, houses razed in communal clash

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NO fewer than nine people have been killed, including a woman who was beheaded and several others injured, while scores of houses and vehicles were razed or vandalized, in an inter-communal skirmish between Bodo and Mogho Communities, Khana Local Government, Rivers State.

Police sources confirmed, Friday, that four dead people, including the beheaded woman had been found, but villagers and hospital sources said the figure was more than the police figure.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that fighting broke out when the woman from Mogho village was discovered without her head and her private part severed, at a place near her village and close to Bodo community.

Following the discovery, the Bodo people were immediately fingered as having committed the crime, in view of the undercurrent of animosity between the two villages over a parcel of farmland.

Based on the conclusion, it was learnt that the "offended" Mogho youths went on the offensive to avenge the death of the woman. Several people, unaware of the feud, were caught in the cross-fire and their vehicles burnt.

Chairman of the council Mr. Fred Kpakol said he invited the police to evacuate the corpse of the woman and established security in the area to forestall an escalation of the trouble.