

# Naval College staff shot dead

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**P**ORT HARCOURT — A staff of Naval College, Onne in Eleme local government area, Rivers State was shot dead Thursday night at his Nwebiara ancestral home in Gokana local government area. According to sources, the late Eric Egbara Deekor who was said to be about thirty years old was attacked by unknown gunmen.

It could not be confirmed if the killing had anything to do with cultism. But *Saturday Vanguard* gathered from community sources that violent fights had broken out between his Nwebiara and Barako community. At press time, there was heavy shooting in the area. The cause of the fracas could not be ascertained. The sources could not say also if any death had been recorded in the clash still going on at the time of this report. But they said they were aware some casualties had been recorded on both sides.

Effort to get the state Police PRO, Mrs. Baresua Ireju to comment on the development was futile. But the Army PRO, Major Sagir Musa said the JTF had deployed more men to the area to beef up the security. He said information reached them yesterday that there was fighting between two communities in the local government. All they did was to send reinforcement team to their troop on ground in the local government.

He expressed hope that the situation would be brought under control. The Ogoni axis of the state in recent time has been enmeshed in one form of violence or the other.