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Nigeria: Gunmen Kill Youth Leader in Sapele, Raze Buildings

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Sapele — PANDEMONIUM broke out, Tuesday, in Sapele, Delta State as gunmen shot dead a community youth leader in Amukpe in what appeared to be a counter attack when a rival gang laid siege to Sapele-Warri Road in the town, and burnt down an unspecified number of buildings and vehicles.

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The deceased, identified as Ufuoma was reportedly trailed by his killers from the Sapele Local Government Council to his compound at the Mechanic village where they caught up with him, and attacked him with gun, battle axe and other dangerous objects.

A source said the attackers did not want him alive, as they did not leave him until he gave up the ghost. They allegedly fled through a bush path after the havoc.

Vanguard learnt that the youths loyal to the deceased stormed the streets of Sapele when the news of the death filtered into the town and barricaded the Sapele-Warri Road, which is the major entrance to Sapele.

In the process, they burnt some houses, cars and other

valuable property belonging to those they suspected had link with the killing of their leaders, but, it was learnt that the victims were mainly innocent persons in the area.

The clash caused tension in Sapele, forcing some residents of the area to pack their bag and baggage and flee their houses with the fear that the violence might escalate.

The police in Sapele were said to have waded into the crisis as at press time yesterday.

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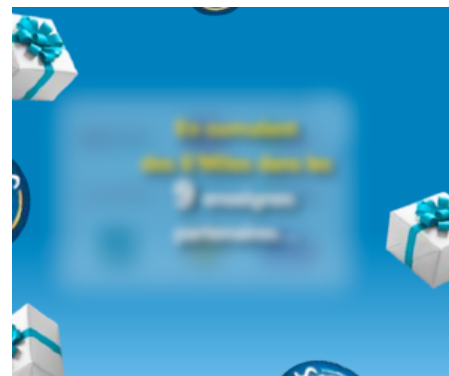
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