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6 die as youths clash in Kogi

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By Isiaka Oyibo

EJULE (Kogi) — HUNDREDS of residents of Ejule in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State yesterday fled the town as heavy fighting broke out amongst some youths, which has left six persons dead and several others seriously injured.

The crisis, Vanguard gathered, was ignited following the killing, last weekend, of a youth popularly known as “Kogi Boy” who was accused of complicity in the October 2009 murder of a youth activist over a dispute.

The deceased, it was learnt, was said to have been waylaid by his assailants at Iboko village, some few kilometres to Ejule while returning from a decamping rally of the People’s Democratic Party, PDP, which held in Ofante, weekend.

He was subsequently ordered out of the vehicle and shot severally on the head, but when the bullets failed to penetrate, they began to butcher him with cutlasses, one of the eye witnesses told Vanguard yesterday.

Chairman of Ofu Local Government, Mr Peters Enejo, when contacted expressed sadness over the incidents, lamenting that series of politically-motivated killings, maimings and destructions of property by “these miscreants have impeded development in the area and need urgent intervention” and described the situation as worrisome.

The council boss said most of his developmental projects were executed in the night, adding that the entire local government had been taken over by the restive

The Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr Abubaker Mohammed, could not confirm the number of casualties, but said, however, that both regular and mobile Policemen had been sent to enforce peace in the area.



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