

## Customs sends 30 for leadership training

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**T**HIRTY senior customs officers are set to depart Nigeria for Canada for a leadership development programme slated to hold in Toronto.

Customs image-maker and spokesman, Mr. Wale Adeniyi

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**L**OKOJA—SEVEN persons were yesterday feared dead while many others sustained bullet wounds when heavy fight broke out between a group of political thugs in Ejule, Ofu Local Government Areas of Kogi State.

This is even as residents of the areas have started fleeing their homes for fear of the unknown as a detachment of anti-riot Policemen were being drafted to con-

tain the situation.

The Acting *Onu* of Ejule, Chief Ayi Bobdi, speaking in an interview with newsmen yesterday called on the Inspector-General of Police to intervene urgently saying the situation in Ejule was fast assuming a dangerous

dimension.

### Monarch reacts, blames politicians

The traditional ruler noted that the hoodlums have completely taken over the area without regard to the

sanctity of human life

He also said politicians in the area should be held liable for the series of crises that have engulfed Ofu particularly within Ejule metropolis saying, "there are many weapons in the hands of these hoodlums given

them by politicians."

### Police story

Police spokesman, Alhaji Abubaker Abdullahi, confirmed the incident saying the command was on top of the situation.

He said policemen have been drafted to comb the area, adding that they are closing in on the hoodlums.

# 7 die as political thugs clash in Lokoja

