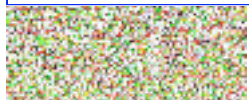


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Communal clash in A-Ibom claims 12

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UYO – NO fewer than 12 persons were feared killed in a communal clash, weekend, in some parts of Mbiabet Ikpe, in Ini Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, while the

Village Head of Mbiabet Ikot Uwa, who was abducted on the night of the mayhem is yet to return to his community. Meanwhile, sources say he may still be alive.

The headless body of one of the victims was taken by the Divisional Police Officer of the area in the company of the council chairman to the morgue.

All the houses in Ayehedia village with a population of 3,000, people were leveled, as all the indigenes of the community had been sacked and forced to take refuge in neighbouring Mbiabet Ikot Udo, Ikpe Ikot Nkon, Mbiabet Esieyere and Ibam Edet villages.

Domestic animals were completely wiped out, while farmlands in the once peaceful community, whose major occupation is subsistence farming, had been totally ravaged by irate youths of the warring communities.

There are seven villages that make up Mbiabet Ikpe, and although they have a history of land dispute between the two villages, the problem, according to sources, this time around, started when a certain Joshua Job of Itie Ikpe, who had set a local fishing trap, discovered that youths from nearby Mbiabet Ikpe, close to Ayehedia, had removed the fishes from the trap in the night.

Joshua, it was learnt had gone back to set the trap, but this time around, decided to keep vigil in a nearby bush all through the night. Late in the night, two youths from the other village were said to have gone to the first trap and emptied its catch into their bag and left

to hide it somewhere.

On their return to empty the second trap, Joshua, who had watched from his hideout, quietly crawled to where they kept the first bag, took hold of it, and waited for the boys, who quickly returned to pick the bag along with their second harvest.

Joshua, it was learnt, attacked them, leaving machete cuts on one of the boys while the other escaped unhurt back to his village.

The two boys, it was gathered, went home and organised youths from their village and the next morning, waylaid innocent indigenes of their assailant's village, who were going to market, but when youths of the other village became aware of the attack, they mobilized themselves and fought back, resulting to the death of seven persons in the first day of the clash.

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the type of poverty that we have at the graceroot is far far more that what the UN and similar bodies can estimate. This is a clear case of extreme lack and it is driving this villagers to

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Larry Malik or malake what ever u call urself, must u tell d world u want to drink beer, so u fooled urself d other day. Charity begins where? May their souls rest in PEACE.

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I will not say 2good nida would i say 2bad, it all about indecipline and selvs control, if a man decided 2 died 4 a mear fish good, if a man decided 2 kill a efelow man like him 4 something that aworded nothing fine. All i know is, it's miracle of the end time.

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