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ENUGU— TWO natives of Oruku have been shot dead allegedly by gunmen from neighbouring Umuode community in a fresh gun battle which commenced since Sunday.

The two victims, according to sources, are Anthony Obinna Nwatu and Charly Iyiagwo, both from Oruku.

They were allegedly shot around the disputed boundary between Oruku and Umuode by some youths said to be armed with AK47 rifles.

Nwatu was reportedly shot while plucking mangoes few metres away from Professor Barth Nnaji's house when he was identified as an Oruku native and allegedly gunned down by fighters from the neighbouring community.

Vanguard gathered that the two communities had been under serious tension since the first shooting last weekend and deafening sounds of gunshots were heard by people of neighbouring communities of Akpoga, Idodo and Akpugo who suspected that the Oruku – Umuode war might have resumed once again.

Reports said many residents of the two communities have deserted their homes for fear of being killed in what sources described as “fresh coordinated attacks” in the area.

The renewed hostility occurred even with the heavy presence of mobile policemen in the community. They security operatives were

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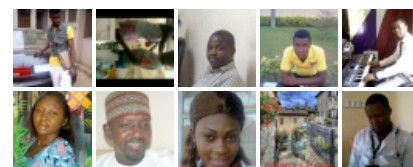
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