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2 killed in Delta communities renewed land tussle

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OLEH—TENSION has heightened in Igbide and Okpolo-Enwhe communities, Isoko South Local Government Area, Delta State, as a 76-year-old man, Mr. Inyanga Edigbe, was reportedly shot dead, following the protracted land dispute between both villages.

It was gathered that the

deceased, an indigene of Igbide community, was killed at a bush near Owodokpokpo, where he had gone with his wife and one other woman to their cassava farm that was flooded.

However, President General of Okpolo-Enwhe community, Mr. Sunday Egboye, said that one of their indigenes, Mr. Ununotovo Odhigbo, was beheaded by Igbide people on September 8 at his camp

around Unekpa bush, saying "his corpse is still in the mortuary at Oleh General Hospital."

Speaking with Vanguard on the development, an indigene of Igbide said: "Okpolo-Enwhe youths laid ambush for our people. Edigbe's wife took some of the cassava they had harvested to their canoe at the bank of the river and on her way back, she heard gunshots from different directions.

"She then waited for a while and when the gunshots subsided, she returned to the farm but could not find her husband and the other woman.

"She ran back to the river bank where she raised alarm and some persons pulled over in their canoes and took her to the community. Later, a search party was mobilised and went into the bush where his (Edigbe's) corpse was discovered.

"The other woman, who had fled, was rescued and brought back to the community at 7p.m."

On the incident, President General of Igbide community, Chief David Edeguare, said he had instructed that the matter be reported at the police, adding "the local council arranged that the two communities should not go to farm on the disputed land on the same day.

"Monday was our turn to go to the bush, but they came to attack us."

On his part, President General of Okpolo-Enwhe, Mr. Egboye said: "September 8 was their turn to go to the bush and because they knew that our people were not around, they went to the camp where Mr. Ununotovo Odhigbo was residing and beheaded him.

"The shocking aspect is that Unekpa, where they killed him, is not connected to the disputed land."

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officer of the state command, Celestina Kalu, confirmed the incident, saying a "corpse was found but there was no physical clash."



Edigbe's wife was reportedly shot dead, following the protracted land dispute between both villages.

Food sacks Abeokuta maternity home



refuge on its roof during the

The matron of the maternity home, Mrs Abigael Asiwaju, said that the life-threatening incident occurred in the twinkling of an eye, while patients were sleeping.

Asiwaju added that some medical equipment were destroyed.

A petty trader, Taiwo Ogundiran, who has his kiosk in front of the building, said the flood swept away her goods, lamenting that the development may cripple her business if help did not come from any quarters.

Similarly, the flood did not spare a local church; it pulled down its fence, sacked worshippers, and destroyed the temple and church equipment.

The community head, Baale Oguntoyinbo, lamented the incident and appealed to government to come to their aid.

Armed robbery

my brother was among the invaders, I decided to avenge my brother's attack.

"I went in company of one Obalende. The gun we went with was his. He said he bought it in Cotonou, when he came back from prison. I

80-yr-old man dies in Lagos fire