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UYO—NO fewer than three persons are feared dead following a clash between Hausa\Fulani scavengers and some local residents of Itiam Etoi in Uyo Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State.

It was gathered that trouble started on Tuesday night, when an Hausa scrap dealer ferrying a power generator on wheelbarrow, was accosted around the Udo Udoma area of Itiam Etoi, by some locals.

A resident of Itiam Etoi, Mr.

Okon Effiong, told newsmen that if the attack had started when most residents had not gone to bed, the situation could have been worse.

He added that the Hausa\Fulani community mobilised and launched a reprisal attack, venting anger on anybody they run into on their way to the scene of the meeting between the scrap dealer and locals.

Effiong said: "When the 'area boys' stopped the Hausa man, they asked him for settlement. He refused to pay and it led to a fight and

a reprisal attack from the Hausa\Fulani settlers in the area.

"They arrived in large numbers with machetes and clubs and started cutting anyone they found on the road. Some of them carried iron rods with which they destroyed properties and chased shop owners away."

A resident, who narrowly escaped being killed by the Hausa men, simply identified as Ubong, said they met him on his way from work and descended on him.

He said: "They wanted to kill me, but God saved my life as