

# 3 die, 22 arrested, police take over Anambra community as communal crisis escalates

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**O** NITSHA—NO fewer than 22 persons have been arrested by the police in Anambra in connection with a communal clash that erupted in Amansi

and Iruatu villages of Nteje in Oyi Local Government Area of the state over the sale of land by some individuals in the area.

A dependable source close to the war-torn village told newsmen yesterday that the police

have taken over the community, arresting people indiscriminately following the killing of three persons last weekend.

The source, who spoke to newsmen on the condition of anonymity said that sporadic

gunshots, charms and other dangerous weapons were freely used by the warring factions before the police intervention.

When contacted on phone, the Anambra state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, ASP Nkiru Nwode confirmed the

report but said the situation is under control.

She said: "We have arrested about 20 of them including the prime suspect. At present, every body is going about his or her normal business and the police is on top of the situation."