

# One dead, 2 hospitalised as in-laws clash in Rivers community

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**P**ORT HARCOURT—A fracas among two families related by marriage in Buen Kpete Bunu, Tai Local Government Area, Rivers State, left one person dead and two brothers in critical condition.

The tragedy played out Monday, as Mbogerewin Nkpeene, joined by siblings, attacked relatives of his late wife, Nnunuwan, during the funeral of one of the couple's children.

According to an eyewitness, "When Nnunuwan died a couple of years back, her family accused the husband, Nkpeene, of being responsible for her untimely death. The matter had created bad blood between both in-laws since then.

"Trouble started Monday when relatives of Nnunuwan attended the funeral of one of the four children their late sister bore for their son-in-law, Nkpeene. Their presence led to a heated quarrel and soon degenerated into a violent attack on the visiting in-laws.

"In the process, Nkpeene's elder brother attacked Lebeta Agor, one of the in-laws with a spade. He had internal bleeding from injury inflicted on his armpit. He didn't survive it.

"Lebeta's two other siblings, Adah Agor and Akpari Agor, are also nursing injuries."