

# Two dead as Fulani, indigenes clash in Delta

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Two persons were yesterday killed and several others missing, following a renewed clash between Fulani nomads and residents of [Ohoror](#) community in [Uwheru](#), Ughelli North Local Government of Delta State.

It was gathered that the [two indigenes](#) were allegedly killed by the [armed nomads, who attacked them on their farms.](#)

Scores were also injured in the deadly clash.

A violent protest by their kinsmen later degenerated into bloody clash [between youths and security agents](#) who were deployed to quell the protest yesterday morning.

A source said the deceased were [attacked by armed herdsmen](#) dressed in [military uniforms](#), adding that three rifles were recovered from the attackers.

The [Uwheru and Ohoror junctions](#) on the East-West Road were blocked for [several hours by the irate youths,](#) who smashed vehicles and [robbed travellers.](#)

According to the source, the protest was taken over by [ex-militants,](#) who [stormed the highway with arms.](#)

Worst hit were vehicles belonging to Agofure Transport Company and the Delta State Bus service, popularly called 'Uduaghan Buses'.

Troops from the state special security outfit, tagged: "Joint Patrol Team" were deployed on the scene, after regular and mobile policemen were overpowered and chased away by the armed youths.

The Treasurer of Uwheru Development Union, Benjamin Ohworeko, said the people could not fold their arms and watch their kinsmen slaughtered by the herdsmen.

Residents were seen fleeing, ostensibly because of fears of invasion by troops.

Police spokesman Charles Muka confirmed the report.

JTF spokesperson Lt Col Tim Antigha said the incident was sparked by the "alleged killing" of locals by the Fulani, adding that investigation has begun.

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