

C'River: One Dead, Another Injured As Communities Clash Over Land



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One person has reportedly been killed and another injured following a clash between two communities in Biase Local Government Area [of Cross River State over](#) a land dispute.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Police Public Relations Officer of the Cross River State Police Command, ASP Eitokpah Sunday Akata, said the incident occurred on Saturday at about 3:00 p.m., when some farmers from Orugbam Community were allegedly attacked by suspected gunmen from the neighbouring Egbor Community.

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The statement read:

"The incident reportedly occurred on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at about 3:00 p.m., when two farmers, Mr. Nkeruwem Ikoh and Mr. Ukam Ajah Okpan, both of Orugbam Community, Erei, were allegedly attacked and shot by unidentified gunmen while working on their farmlands near Egbor Community.

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"The victims were rushed to the village for immediate assistance. Regrettably, Mr. Nkeruwem Ikoh later succumbed to his injuries, while the second victim is currently receiving treatment. The deceased's body has been deposited at Uwana Mortuary, Afikpo, Ebonyi State.

"The Cross River State Police Command assures members of the public that a thorough investigation is underway to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident, identify those responsible, and ensure they are brought to justice.

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"The Command further appeals to residents of Orugbam, Egbor and neighbouring communities to remain calm, refrain from taking the law into their own hands, and cooperate with the Police by providing credible information that may assist the ongoing investigation."

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