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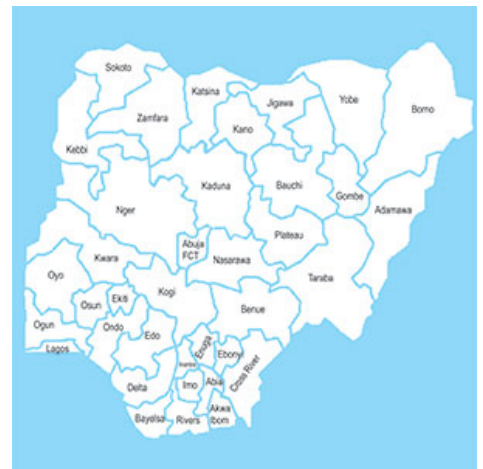
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Two communities in Konshisha LGA of Benue State have thrown caution to the wind as they engaged themselves in dirty fights over the ownership of a parcel of land. Before the crisis, which has led to the death of many in both warring communities, the people of Mbamar and Ugambe communities of Konshisha had lived peacefully.

Daily Trust Saturday gathered that trouble started recently after a family belonging to the Ugambe community attempted to take possession of the land in dispute following a Supreme Court judgment decided in their favour.

A respondent who requested anonymity, explained that the land in question had been a subject of lingering controversy between the family which alleged ownership, and the Mbamar community.

The family had shortly after the judgment moved to possess the property by farming on the land, which did not go down well with the Mbamar community, which allegedly led a gang to the spot, and killed one person.

It was learnt that the Ugambe people in sympathy with one of their own, the family in the eyes of the storm, took the battle in retaliation to the Mbamar community where another person was also allegedly killed and houses burnt. The development marked the genesis of the crisis which has now snowballed into a full-fledged communal crisis that has left both communities deserted.

For Mr. Anthony Uleve, whose uncle's house was torched in the process, the crisis was condemnable. He noted that the state government intervened on the matter at its early stage, but the parties went ahead to start amassing destructive weapons, hiring militia and killing themselves.

The state government, on Monday, announced that it has taken possession of the disputed land, even as Governor Samuel Ortom warned the warring factions to stay away.

Ortom also announced the suspension of the district head of Iwaryam, Chief Unaha Koko and the kindred heads of Mbazerem and Mbayem/Mbaikyu, Anongo Tema and Atser Kor in connection with the crisis.



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Ortom disclosed that over 40 suspects were already arrested and under interrogation by the police.

Police earlier arrested 22 people in connection with the attack, allegedly from Mbamar-Awajir community on Ugambe people, both in Konshisha.

Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, however on Thursday said that a total of 44 people were apprehended including some politician from the area in suspicion of the matter.

Owoseni had informed that the earlier 22 arrests was made during an early morning operation by a reinforcement team. He also said a former chairman of Konshisha LGA, Vitalis Ayomar, is being sought-after by the police to explain his role in the matter, adding that Ayomar is alleged to have camped hired militia at his home.

At the time of filing this report, the suspects have been arraigned in court, and the case adjourned to July 24.

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