

6 killed in fresh Benue, Ebonyi boundary crisis

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At least six persons were yesterday feared dead and scores injured in a renewed inter-state boundary clash between the people of Igala in Benue State and Mgbo in Ohankwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

A source said several farm produce were destroyed and hundreds of persons had fled their homes.

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He said: “Both communities have been locked in a protracted dispute over a large parcel of farmland and the crisis had lingered for a very long time. Unfortunately, the situation seemed to have gotten out of hand again on Monday morning when youths from our neighbouring community, Agali, attacked us during the hours of day.

“As I speak to you now, the picture of the people killed were still very unclear to us, but we have recovered bodies of five people killed while they were in the farms cultivating their produce”, he said.

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Ebonyi State Deputy Governor Kelechi Igwe, who yesterday afternoon visited the scene of the incident, appealed to the people of Mgbo community to remain calm.