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Three people were reportedly killed Monday night in a fresh crisis between two communities in Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State.

Our correspondent gathered that the two communities of Ollô in Edumoga district and its neighbouring Ai-dogodo in Okpoga district of same Okpokwu LGA had engaged themselves in an age-long dispute.

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Witnesses said three persons were killed Monday after both communities fought again in reprisal of the killing of a young man in the area about two weeks ago by alleged youths from one of the warring villages.

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It was believed by the locals that the deceased who hailed from one of the two rivalry communities had visited a female friend in the opposing village where he met his untimely death.

Chairman of the affected council area, Mrs Amina Audu, however confirmed to newsmen in Makurdi that one person was killed and property were destroyed in the renewed crisis which in her estimation continued to defy reasoning.

Audu called on the state government and security agencies to step up further intervention in order to tackle the situation.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, as of the time of filing this report, said she was still trying to establish contacts with the Divisional Police Officer of the troubled area to ascertain facts about the incident.

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