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Boundary crisis: 28 of my constituents were killed – Lawmaker

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The Member representing Ikwuano Constituency in the Abia State House of Assembly, Hon Stanley Nwabuisi, has alleged that 28 of his kinsmen of Ariam Usaka were killed by attackers from neighbouring communities in Akwa Ibom State over land.

Nwabuisi also alleged that property worth millions of naira had been

destroyed by the invaders, making the natives to flee in droves while others lived inside bushes for fear of more attacks.

The lawmaker narrated these on the floor of the house in Umuahia yesterday as a matter of urgent importance during plenary, stating that the boundary clash with his Ariam Usaka and some communities in Ini and Akara Obot LGAs of Akwa Ibom State had brought untold sorrow to his people.

The lawmaker who painted sorry

picture of the situation at Ariam Usaka, regretted that farmlands and local markets had become the shadow of themselves as villagers had deserted them in fear of attacks.

Responding to the legislator's outcry, the Speaker, Rt Hon Chinedum Orji, condemned the alleged killings and urged the Abia State executive arm of government to liaise with its Akwa Ibom counterpart to expedite action towards ending the crisis.