

Three Killed In Fight Over Communal Land

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BARELY one week after political clashes claimed 10 lives in Buruku Local Government Area of Benue State, about three persons were feared killed in a land crisis in the Ugondo District of Logo Local

Government, after fighters from two villages clashed at the weekend.

Fighters from Kpav and Mbashaha also razed homes and destroyed farmlands in the two villages in a crisis, which has been lingering in the area for over six years.

An eyewitness of the current crisis, Terlumun

Fanen, from Kpav said at Ugba that the fighting was a fallout of the encroachment of Kpav land by some persons from the neighbouring Mbashasa last Friday evening. He said attempts made by the people of Kpav to convince them to retreat from the occupied land met with resistance

According to the eyewitness, this led to the death of one Kpav indigene, a development which irked the youths who embarked on reprisal attacks. He said that at the end of the fighting yesterday afternoon, two more persons had died. but the Kpav people were reportedly able to rescue two

women from their village who were kidnapped by the Mbashasa fighters.

A spokesman from Mbashasa, Philip Tine however said the recent crisis was caused by their neighbours who have refused to respect the clear boundary of the two villages. He said his people were left with no option but to move and ensure that their common heritage was liberated from the grip of their neighbours.

When journalists visited the troubled spots yesterday on a guided tour, destroyed farm produce were seen littering the area, while mud huts razed down by fighters were also seen.

PDP Won't Leave Kano For Any Party, Says Obasanjo

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PR E S I D E N T Olusegun Obasanjo yesterday debunked

re-election ambition while, in return, Shekarau would ensure total victory for the PDP presidential candidate, Alhaji Umaru

being said that we are giving Kano to a particular party which is not PDP. That is not democracy! Democracy is competition. We are

Commission (EFCC), is free of charges of corrupt practices.

The President, flanked by Yar'Adua, national chairman of the party,