

# 64 Year-Old Communal Feud Claims Life

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**O**NE person is feared dead in a communal feud between the people of Umuoma-Umudiabia in Ihitte-Uboma, Imo State and neighbouring Umudiawa-Ofeiyi community, near Umuahia, Abia State.

Several people were also reported injured in the feud, which began about six decades ago.

The ugly development has, however, prompted the chairmen of Imo and Abia States Boundaries Commission, and the Deputy Governor of Imo State, Eze Madumere and his Abia State counterpart, Emeka Ananaba, to visit the affected areas to find a lasting solution to the crisis.

The Imo State Government was embittered that the Abia State Government had decid-

ed to erect a police station in the disputed community, despite the fact that the National Boundaries Commission was yet to resolve the ownership tussle surrounding the disputed area.

*The Guardian* gathered that the feud began in 1951, resulting into legal battle for the two communities in the past. The Speaker of the Imo State House of Assembly, All Progressives Congress (APC) Senatorial candidate in Okigwe zone, Chief Benjamin Uwajumogu, who is representing the constituency in Imo State House of Assembly was in the company of the Imo State deputy governor. Uwajumogu offered to offset the medical bills of the injured, calling on the security agencies to establish their presence in the area to avert bloodshed.