

Five Feared Killed In Kogi Communal Clash

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➤ No fewer than five people were feared killed at the weekend at Obajana village near Lokoja, Kogi State, following a clash between the community and the Ebiras.

➤ Trouble reportedly began when some Ebiras from the central district of the state, fully armed with dangerous weapons, invaded the Obajana that live in Kogi west district to claim ownership of the community.

It became a fierce fighting between the Obajana indigenes who are Oworo-speaking people and the Ebiras, leading to deaths and destruction of property.

➤ Obajana, a lineage community of about 2,000 residents is playing host to the African biggest cement company under construction and owned by the Dangote Group of Companies.

As at Saturday when Daily independent visited the community, houses, motorcycles, and other valuable household items had been set ablaze.

Meanwhile, the village is now a ghost dwelling, as its inhabitants are currently taking refuge in the bush.

Workers of the Obajana Cement Company situated in the village have also run away.