

Communal Clash: Lawmaker Tasks FG, Delta On Relief Materials

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A House of Representatives member representing Ndokwa-Ukwuani constituency, Chief Charles Onyekweli, has called on The Federal and Delta State governments to send relief materials to communities affected in last Thursday's violence that claimed about 10 lives in Delta State.

Onyekweli, who represents the area at the National Assembly,

pointed out that the violence had forced people of the area to become refugees in neighbouring communities, while pleading with the relevant federal and state authorities to come to their aid.

He, however, condemned the renewed violent clash between Amai and Umuebu communities and other acts of criminality that followed, while expressing dismay at the loss of lives and property.

The lawmaker urged all

peace-loving people of Ndokwa-Ukwuani Federal Constituency to join hands in finding a lasting solution to the ugly development, stressing that he was already liaising with stakeholders to addressing the problem.

Onyekweli, however, commended Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan for his prompt visit to the affected communities and the role of security agencies in bringing some measures of calmness to

the area.

Renewed hostilities between Amai and Umuebu communities both in Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State in the early hours of Thursday had claimed the lives of about 10 persons, with over 15 others injured though police put the casualty figure at seven.

About 20 buildings including the palace and two filling stations of the traditional ruler of Amai Kingdom, Eze Monday Ossai, were also said to have been lost to

the fighting which broke out recently.

The two communities had been drawn in an age-long crisis over the ownership of a parcel of land.

Dispute over the land had claimed several lives and property before the latest round of hostilities.

Security operatives had arrested the traditional ruler of Amai and nine other persons in connection with the last Thursday's communal violence in Delta State.

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