

Abia: Man Dies In Umunneochi Quarry Site Crisis

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UMUAHIA – As crisis in Lokpanta quarry site in Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State degenerated into the killing of a young man, the Abia House of Assembly called for adherence of a peace agreement on the quarry site pending the final resolution of the boundary issue by the National Boundary Commission.

The Assembly also asked the combatants, the Lokpanta community and their neighbours in Ebonyi State to maintain peace in the quarry site and respect an agreement that had early brought truce to the site.

The Assembly's intervention followed a Motion for Urgent Public Importance raised by the lawmaker representing Umunneochi State constituency, Okey Igwe. The lawmaker was reacting to a recent altercation at quarry site, which led to death of a young man named Ikechukwu Festus Orji.

The House mandated security agencies to enforce and maintain peace at the site, adding that they should also find out the remote and immediate cause of the latest crisis.

The Abia Assembly also set up a five-man ad hoc committee led by the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, Ifeanyi Uchendu. The committee was given two weeks to investigate the matter and report to the House.

Meanwhile, the Abia State House of Assembly also set up another ad hoc committee to investigate abandoned and uncompleted housing estates in the state.

Raising the committee, the House described as worrisome the presence of many abandoned