

Four killed in Ebonyi communal clash

•Normalcy returns

FOUR persons were yesterday confirmed dead in a fresh communal crisis between the Ezzillo and Ezza communities, Ishielu Local Government, Ebonyi State.

Sources told *The Nation* that two, of the four bodies deposited at the state Teaching Hospital (EBSUTH), were beheaded.

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The Head, Corporate Affairs of the hospital, Mr. Azubuike Bakare, said two bodies were male.

Bakare said that when the bodies were received by the hospital's

pathologist, he discovered that their heads had been cut off. The other two women had deep cuts.

He said that they were deposited at the hospital at about 4:30p.m. on Wednesday.

Some motorists were trapped between Idodo

and Ezzillo on Abakaliki-Enugu Express way as a result of the clash between the two communities.

An eyewitness said a gun battle between the communities, which lasted for some minutes, forced most motorists to Abakaliki to return back to Enugu for fear of stray bullet injury.