

# Several killed in Ebonyi community attack

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Gunmen have attacked two communities in Ebonyi State, killing an unspecified number of people and injuring more.

The communities, Ojiogu and Okpochiri, in Ohaukwu council, were attacked on Monday afternoon.

The attackers were said to have entered the community from the Benue State border and opened fire on residents.

Properties worth millions of naira were either destroyed or looted from the community by the invading gunmen.

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A source said, “What happened is usually an annual development that borders on land dispute. This dispute is occasioned by the quest for land, especially for farming by both sides of the divide. One person was killed, many missing, many injured while many are now displaced. Many people scampered for safety.”

The Coordinator of Ngbo North Development Centre, Echem Onyekachi said, “We have alerted the Commissioner of Police and other Government agencies. The CP sent some policemen there today. The victims are too many. For now, 15 persons were killed, while many are missing. Houses burnt and farmlands destroyed

Chairman of Ohaukwu Local Government Area, Clement Odah, said the council “condemns the incident in the strongest terms and reassure all that no stone will be left unturned to unravel the circumstances that led to such unwarranted attack and loss of life and property.”

The Commissioner of Police, Garba Aliyu and the Police spokesperson, Chris Anyanwu, did not respond to calls and messages sent to them for comments .