One dies in Ekiti/Kwara boundary dispute



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Aboundary dispute between Eda Oniyo in Ilejemeje Council Area of Ekiti State and Obbo Ayegunle in Ekiti Local Government Area of Kwara State has claimed one person.

The two communities, which have been at loggerheads over land dispute, renewed their clash on Saturday, resulting in the death of one person from Eda Oniyo.

It was gathered that the crisis escalated when armed men from Obo Ayegunle allegedly attacked the people of Eda Oniyo on their farmland.

The Ekiti State Government has appealed to residents of Eda Oniyo to remain calm over the attack on the community.

Its Commissioner for Information, Taiwo Olatunbosun, in a statement in Ado Ekiti, the state capital, who confirmed the clash, said the situation had been brought under control.

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Olatunbosun said security agencies had moved to the scene to maintain peace.

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The commissioner, however, added that additional troops had moved to the area to protect the community while the Army formation in Kwara State has been contacted to deploy troops along the Kwara side of the border to curtail further attack from both sides.

He reiterated the commitment of Governor Biodun Oyebanji's government to fostering peace and security across the state, urging the residents to remain calm.

While expressing condolences to the family of the deceased, he assured that the perpetrators would be
fished out and brought to justice.