

# Two killed in renewed boundary dispute between Ebonyi communities



Two persons have been killed in Ogowor, a community in Ishiagu Town, Ivo Local Government Area of **Ebonyi State**.

Also, about three others are said to be missing at the time of writing this report.

Sources in the community said unknown assailants invaded a farm located at the boundary between the community and neighboring Omobor Community of Akaeze Town and attacked farmers.

An aged woman from the community and a labourer said to be from Ezza clan in the state who was helping to cultivate the farm were allegedly killed.

The source claimed the assailants were from Omobor, Akaeze community who they have been having boundary dispute spanning decades.

The sources said: "Akaeze people invaded our farm and killed an aged woman working in her farm and also shot an Ezza man working in the same farm"

It could not be independently verified if the assailants were from Omobor Akaezeas as alleged by the source.

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Police spokesperson in Ebonyi state, Joshua Ukandu confirmed the incident.

"Yes two persons were killed. Police have deployed tactical teams to the area and restored normalcy. Investigation has commenced into the matter", he said

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Chairman of the council, Emmanuel Ajah, condemned the killings and vowed that the killers will not go unpunished.

He said: “This is a resultant effect of a land dispute between the two communities which has lasted for decades, and my administration has done her best to handle this issue since we came on board.

“A committee I formed has mediated on this issue and came up with a resolution that the said land shall be parcelled this November 2024; a solution adopted by the stakeholders of the two communities, but to my surprise, this evil act came up”, he said

The council boss noted that he had visited the area alongside security agents during which he condoled with the victims’ families so as to foster a peaceful atmosphere in the communities involved.

“During my visit, I urged the Ogor community not to seek revenge for the killings but to trust in my ability to address these security challenges.