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# Gunmen kill four in Ebonyi village



Four people, including two children, have been killed in Ikembe Ezza Community, Ivo Local Government Area of **Ebonyi State**.

The incident, which occurred on Tuesday comes barely two weeks after a similar assault in Egumkpuma Ezza Community, also in Ivo Local Council Government.

According to eyewitnesses, some gunmen stormed the village in the early hours, setting several houses ablaze.

The witness claimed the attackers were from Ishiagu. However, this could not be verified.

A middle-aged woman was among those killed, while a young girl and two children were burnt alive in their homes. The victims are Ms Nwankwo Elum, Ikechukwu Basil, Nwali Bridget and Ebenezer Nweke John.

Graphic videos and photos of the incident are on social media.

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On July 30, this year, the Egumkpuma Ezza Community was similarly attacked, with homes torched and gunshots reported.

Also, last week a couple was also abducted around the area by unknown persons.

Police attributed the previous incidents to long-running communal tensions in the area.

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Ebonyi State Commissioner of Police, CP Adaku Anthonia Uche-Anyia, who had visited the affected communities on August 11, has deployed more officers to restore peace.

Peace advocate Dr. Sampson Oko Nweke, Chairman, Human Rights Defenders (HURIDE) in Ebonyi State, called for urgent intervention from Governor Francis Ogbonna Nwifuru.

He also urged the Ivo Local Government Chairman, and community leaders to prevent the crisis from spiraling further.

“The perpetrators and those fanning the embers of this violence must be identified, apprehended, and brought to justice,” Nweke said.

Chairperson of the Council, Emmanuel Ajah said he traveled out of the local government for important assignment but has received reports of the incident.

Meanwhile, the traditional ruler of Ihie Autonomous community in Ivo local Government Area, Eze Gabriel Uzoma Okoro, warned against spreading false information on crisis that rocked the community recently.

He urged those spreading false information to desist from such to forestall an escalation of the crisis in the peaceful area.

In an interview with reporters in Abakaliki, the state capital, Eze Okoro, who maintained that normalcy had been restored in the area, added: “We are just coming out from a meeting with the leadership of the Police in the state and I must commend the state Commissioner of Police for her commitment and determination in ensuring a lasting peace in Ihie community.”

