

# 3 die in communal clash over rice farm in Nasarawa

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NO fewer than three persons have been killed in Mada Station in Agidi Area in Nasarawa Eggon Local Government Area of Nasarawa State over a land dispute.

The clash between Agbashuru and Ikkah Wangibi clans of Eggon tribe forced residents of the area to flee their homes to Nasarawa Eggon and other neighbouring towns.

**Nigerian Tribune** gathered that the clash broke out following cultivation of rice on a land which had long been in contention, on which a case is still pending at the magistrate's court.

It was learnt that the two groups wanted to harvest the rice. This then resulted

in the crisis which claimed the three lives. Seven people were injured and several houses destroyed.

Security operatives have since been deployed to the area, but residents can still be seen leaving the town for fear of further violence.

The overseer of the area, Honourable Amos Tsaku, expressed shock over the incident, saying government was already on top of the situation.

He urged the people to return to their homes and shun rumour mongers.

Honourable Tsaku said government would no longer tolerate further breakdown of law and order in the area, as security operatives were already on ground to deal with trouble makers.