

Five killed as communities fight over fish pond in Benue

The fish pond, according to a crisis had been a cause of fight between the two communities over the years in which several people died.

The fresh crisis which happened on Wednesday was said to have been triggered by one of the sides and by the time the dust settled, five people had been beheaded.

Three corpses were said to have so far been recovered with their heads cut off and hung on trees where they were retrieved.

A source who simply identified himself as Tony Audu said that Egba and Abugbe were always in alliance against Allagba and Gbegzua communities over the control of the fish pond.

According to Audu, "the

crisis over the fish pond has been on for quite an age between Alla and Egba, and what we learned is that the fish pond was given to a family in Alla by a family in Egba.

"But the same people from Egba insisted on the control of the fish pond.

"So the fresh crisis started when Alla people attacked Egba over the fish pond.

Five people were killed but, as am talking to you, only three corpses have been recovered.

"The incident happened on Wednesday and we just finished a meeting with the deputy governor on how peace will return to the area because so many lives have been lost due to the fight over that fish pond in the council."

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