

# Fish out killers of two pastors in Ochoro community, Ortom tasks security operatives

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**B**ENUE State governor, Samuel Ortom, on Sunday, called on security operatives in the state to promptly fish out assailants of two pastors killed in Ochoro community in Konshisha Local Government Area of the state.

The pastors, identified as Moses Ijoko and Emmanuel Alele, were reportedly killed last week by suspected Bonta militias.

The clerics were said to be riding on their motorcycles

to Oju Local Government Area for medical attention when they were ambushed and killed and their motorcycles taken away.

It will be recalled that the land dispute between Konshisha and Oju local government areas have taken dangerous dimension recently with the killings of 12 soldiers by Bonta militias.

Same suspected Bonta militias in July this year, allegedly invaded Ochoro community and attacked the residents and as well held in captive a four-year-old boy who was later released.

Ortom condemned the

killing of the two pastors in a statement issued by his spokesman, Terver Akase and described the incident as unacceptable.

The governor called on the chairman of Konshisha Local Government Area and other stakeholders in the area to ensure that the killers and their sponsors are apprehended to face justice.

Ortom warned those jeopardising his administration's efforts to end the crisis between Konshisha and Oju local government areas that they would not escape justice, no matter highly

placed they may be.

He reaffirmed the resolve of his administration not to surrender the state to criminals and appealed to the people of the state to support security agencies with timely and useful information to enable them to succeed.

The governor called on the people of the area to remain calm and gave assurance that the boundary between Bonta and Ukpute would soon be demarcated as the committee inaugurated to facilitate the demarcation had concluded arrangements for the process.