

Six killed in Anambra communal clash

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SIX persons were on Monday killed in renewed hostilities between the people of Omor and Anaku communities in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that both communities had in the past engaged in clashes which led to the killing of several people and destruction of properties. A source said the latest hostilities began on Monday after a dispute between indigenes of the two com-

munities.

The source said: "Several people were killed before security operatives arrived in the area and brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, the state police command has confirmed the incident.

The command's spokes-

person, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, said six persons were killed during the clash, just as he revealed that the command had declared one Nnamdi (surname withheld) wanted for instigating the violence and wielding AK-47 rifle.

Ikenga said: "According to

information received, the suspect and his cohorts, without any provocation, started shooting indiscriminately at Omor community in Ayamelum Local Government Area and murdered six persons and inflicted serious injuries on two others."

He added that a joint task force team comprising police and military personnel has been deployed in the area.

The police spokesperson said: "Patrols and operations are still ongoing in the area and the situation is being monitored."