

Two feared killed in Ebonyi communal crisis

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TWO persons have been feared killed in the protracted land dispute between the people of Umuobor, Akaeze and their Ogor neighbours in Ishiagu, both in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The two neighbouring communities have been at war for over five decades over a vast fertile land known as Elueke, with many lives lost and properties worth billions of naira destroyed.

The situation forced Governor Francis Nwifuru to declare the disputed land a buffer zone and also set up a committee to find lasting solution to the crisis.

However, killings, maiming and destructions still persist.

On Monday, an elderly man and woman were killed on the disputed land by suspected warlords.

An activist, Nwoba Chika Nwoba, said he had written to Governor Nwifuru on the development on how to bring about peace between the communities.

He said: "I got information that these aged persons were killed in the fight between Ishiagu and Akaeze today [Tuesday] in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

"I had written twice earlier to the governor to do something urgently to bring this crisis to an end," he said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Joshua Ukandu, said he was yet to receive report of the incident.