

Four feared killed, houses destroyed in renewed land crisis in Ebonyi

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ABOUT four persons have been killed in renewed land crisis between the people of Ndukwe community, in Ama-siri, in Afikpo Local Government Area and their neighbours in Okporojo, in Osso Edda Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

Also, houses and properties worth millions were destroyed during the attacks.

The land dispute, it was gathered, has been on for decades, with the past administrations succeeding in obtaining a white paper from a committee it set up to look into the crisis.

Hostilities, however, continue to erupt with several people killed and properties destroyed following the alleged failure by previous ad-

ministrations in the state to implement the recommendations contained in the white paper.

The chairman of Edda Local Government Area, Chima Ekumankama, confirmed the killing of four persons at Okporojo Idima in Osso Edda during the attack.

He noted that security operatives had been deployed to restore normalcy in the area.

The council boss said he had visited the area to reassure the people of government's commitment towards ending the lingering dispute.

Also, Chairman of Afikpo LGA, Timothy Nwachi also explained that the state government had deployed security operatives to the buffer zone to de-escalate tension and restore normalcy in the two communities.