

One killed over land dispute in Benue

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One person was reportedly killed during a dispute on a piece of land between the Tiv community of Taraku in the Gwer East Local Government Area and the Idoma of the Otukpo Icho community in the Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

According to a source, the yet-to-be identified victim was hacked and a rice farm was burnt down in Otukpo Icho on Tuesday as a result of the dispute over the ownership of a market in the community.

Confirming the incident, the spokesperson for the Benue State Police Command, DSP Catherine Anene, said one person was killed.

“A case of mischief by fire was recorded in the area where a rice farm was burnt down and the perpetrators were suspected to have killed a man, whom they met on the way,” Anene stated.

The senator representing Benue South Senatorial District, Abba Moro, expressed displeasure over the crisis and pleaded with the warring factions to sheath their swords.

In a statement by his Special Assistant on New Media, Emmanuel John, Moro urged the security agencies to act promptly and arrest the ugly situation to avert further carnage.