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Two killed, houses burnt in Benue communal clashes

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At least two people were killed and many others injured in a renewed communal clash at Mbassombu community of Ikpayongo council ward in the Gwer East Local Government Area of Benue State.

It was gathered that the crisis which started on Sunday spilled over to Monday when people of Mbaivur and Mbasombo fought over land leading to the death of the two persons, while many houses were destroyed.

Our correspondent gathered that the Mbasombo youths first launched attack on Mbaivur settlement for allegedly killing one of their members, identified as Ayagwa Amu.

It was further learnt that in a reprisal, youths from Mbaivur stormed Mbassombo settlement and attacked people, leading to the death of one person and many others sustained injury.

The National President Mbasombo Development Association, Anchongo Abar, stated that trouble started when an elderly man from the area, Ayagwa Amu, was on Sunday killed by youths of Mbaivur community

“The Mbasombo youths in a reprisal Monday razed several houses belonging to the Mbaivur people including the family house of the coordinator of Health, Catholic Diocese of Makurdi Rev. Fr. Peter Paleve and killed one Dekuran Nor.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, said that one person was killed and 10 houses were burnt.

She said, “Three people have been arrested”