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Three policemen quelling Ebonyi community crisis die in crash

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Three of the policemen drafted to restore peace and order in Effium community, in the Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, have died in an accident on their way back home.

Clashes between residents of Ezza Effium and Effium communities had led to loss of lives and destruction of property worth millions of naira.

PUNCH Metro had reported that security agents were deployed in the area to maintain law and order.

But while returning to their base in Abakaliki, it was learnt that the officers were involved in a crash around the Ezzamgbo axis on the Abakaliki-Enugu Expressway, after the permanent site of the Ebonyi State University.

A witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a Hilux van conveying the policemen back to Abakaliki hit a concrete pavement and somersaulted to the other side of the road.

The three policemen were said to have died on the spot.

Confirming the incident, the state Commissioner of Police, Garba Aliyu, said, “Yes, three officers died on their way back from Effium, where they went to restore peace, while 10 others are in the intensive care unit of a hospital now.”