

Two die as Rivers communities clash over land

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THE people of Yeghe in the Gokana Local Government Area of Rivers State have raised the alarm over the killing of two of their kinsmen allegedly by invaders from a nearby community over a land dispute.

The monarch of Nortem-Bori in Yeghe, Confidence Gbarakpite, condemned the attack while speaking to journalists.

Gbarakpite expressed sadness that the people of Yeghe community continued to suffer continuous attack over their ancestral land.

He said the people of Yeghe would not relent in their effort to protect their ancestral land through legal means.

He said, "It is quite unfortunate that my people in Yeghe continue to experience this sort of gruesome murder like the one that happened on Monday, August 15, 2022. We lost two of our illustrious sons, Mr Josiah Piabari of Gaga community who was beheaded on his farm at Nwibena and Mr Leyigha Gnarawii of Nukpo community who also died as a result of the attack. This act of violence against our people is due to the unwholesome belief by some persons, groups and communities that we do not have the right to inherit our ancestral heritage.

Also speaking, the councillor representing Ward 14 in the Gokana Legislative Assembly, Dum Sampson, called on the government to set up a committee to tackle the boundary dispute between Yeghe community and Boue.

Sampson said during a search with the help of the police, the corpse of

one of the victims was found headless in the bush.

He said, "We looked for a way to call the police. We searched the bush with the police for Piabari's corpse. We later saw the headless body. I want the government to help us to put an end to this problem. I also plead with the government to set up another committee that will look into this matter traditionally."

Father nabbed over alleged killing of two children

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A 25-year-old man, Elisha Tari of Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State has been arrested for allegedly killing two of his children.

The suspect who hails from Himikidu, Michika LGA, allegedly used a stone and a stick to hit two of his children aged three and five years respectively.

A statement by the state police spokesperson, Suleiman Nguroje, on Saturday noted that the suspect was apprehended on August 18, 2022.

Nguroje stated that the accused was arrested following a complaint lodged at the Divisional Police Headquarters, Michika by the victims'

grandfather.

Contacted, the state police spokesperson, Grace Iringe-Koko, confirmed the incident, saying security had been beefed up in the area.

She said, "Yes, we are aware that a man was beheaded. The two communities have a protracted crisis. But we have beefed up security to prevent a reprisal. Though no arrest has been made, we are investigating to ensure that the perpetrators are identified."

"Preliminary investigation reveals that the victim's mother got separated from the suspect two months ago after they had a misunderstanding," Nguroje added.

He said the suspect was arrested while trying to escape to Cameroon Republic and being investigated to ascertain reason behind the brutal murder of his own children.

He further said that the state Commissioner of Police, Sikiru Akande, who noted with sadness the inhuman act, directed the Deputy Commissioner of Police to take over investigation and ensure prosecution of the suspect to serve as a deterrent to others.

He called on the public to always report to the police acts of criminality perpetrated in their communities.