

Four lives lost after court disbanded Ebubeagu

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GOVERNOR David Umahi of Ebonyi State, on Sunday, said four lives have been lost barely some days after the disbandment of Ebubeagu security outfit by the Federal High Court sitting in Abakaliki.

The governor stated this while briefing journalists shortly after a marathon meeting with security

chiefs at the Muhammadu Buhari Lounge of the Ebonyi International Airport, in the Ezza South Local Government Area of the state.

Umahi, who noted that desperation on the part of politicians was the reason behind some of the attacks and violence recorded in the state, called on security operatives, including vigilance groups, not to infringe on the rights of any Ebonyi resident.

The governor said, "I had a marathon meeting with security chiefs. There's no way a governor will accept violence in a state. Desperation is the problem. I am not into struggle with anybody. Desperation is what is leading to the attacks and counter-attacks in the state. Some vigilantes are in custody; four people have been killed after the ban on Ebubeagu.

"If you come to Ebonyi State,

it is not everybody that loves me; 99.9 loves me and the other fraction that hates me, may be because I am not meeting up with their needs; our job is to instil confidence in others. Do not compare Ebonyi with any other state."

The Ebonyi governor expressed optimism that the presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress, Bola Tinubu, would win election and emerge next president.