

Suspect arrested for beheading man over Ebonyi land dispute

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A file photo of police officers on duty.

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A suspect has been nabbed by the Ebonyi State Police Command for the alleged beheading of a middle-aged man, identified as Dick Nnachi, in Oso-Edda, a community in the Edda Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The spokesperson for the Ebonyi State Police Command, DSP Joshua Ukandu, confirmed the incident to a *PUNCH Metro* correspondent on Sunday, adding that the suspect had been arrested in connection with the killing.

Ukandu explained that the attack was linked to the lingering land dispute between Oso-Edda and the neighbouring Amasiri community in Afikpo Local Government Area, which had lasted for over a decade.

He said, “I can confirm that it happened. We’ve already deployed our men to the area. This is a communal issue that has been on for over a decade. The government is still working on demarcating the land and stakeholders have been warned to stay away from the disputed area.

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“Normalcy has returned to the area for now, and we have made an arrest. However, the investigation is still ongoing.”

PUNCH Metro had on January 18 reported that tragedy struck in the Amai community, Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State, as a 70-year-old man, Mr. Aghanti, and his 50-year-old daughter, Mrs. Atagoshi, were reportedly beheaded over a land dispute.

The incident was said to have occurred after the suspect allegedly lured the victims into the bush under the pretext of discussing the land issue.