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2 feared dead, properties destroyed in Enugu communal clash

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TENSION has enveloped Ogbozalla Opi Autonomous Community in Nsukka East Development Area following killings and destruction of household properties by some unidentified youths, allegedly from a nearby community of Umabor in Ehalumona Community.

As at the time of filing this report, some residents of Ogbozalla Opi have fled their homes while no fewer than two young men, aged 45 and 30, have died in the crisis. Their names were given as Mr. Ikechukwu Eze-
ma and Sunday Abonyi.

President of Ogbozalla, Mr. Ignatius Okoro, who raised the alarm alleged to reporters yesterday that Ikechukwu was ambushed, killed and dumped into a valley near his farm, where he had gone to collect cashew seedlings.

"The victim went to the farm with a relation but was intercepted by the invaders, who wore masks, armed with guns and other dangerous weapons."

He said while the younger relation took to his heels, the victim could not escape because he had a bad leg and he was "captured, slaughtered and dumped in a deep valley." Okoro said the second victim, Sunday Abonyi, was killed last Sunday, in a friend's house in the community, where he had gone to charge his cell-phone.

According to Okoro, Abonyi was surrounded by some masked men, beaten to coma and died on his way to a private hospital in Opi.

The development has caused great tension in the two sister communities as both are now spoiling for war.

Okoro said to make things worse, none of those behind the dastardly act has been arrested while there has not been any presence of security operatives in the area to forestall further killings.