## One killed in Ebonyi, Cross River communities' clash

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From **Emmanuel Uzor**, Abakaliki

another injured as Ochienyim in Ebonyi State and Adadama community in Cross River State engaged in a fresh clash. This is even as Governor David Umahi expressed dismay over the hostility and called on the people to remain calm.

Chubueze Azuegu was killed when residents of Adadama in Cross River State allegedly invaded the Ochienyim and started shooting sporadically. Mr Stephen Nworie was injured.

Azuegu died at the Federal

Teaching Hospital (FETHA) Abakaliki.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Jude Madu, said houses and other valuable properties were destroyed.

He said businesses were paralysed at the popular Nwangamgbo market.

Madu disclosed that over 100 policemen have been deployed in the area, assuring that normalcy would soon return.

Meanwhile, he said police quelled what would have been a bloody clash between Umuchima and Ihenue in Uburu communities, Ohaozara Local Government Area Cassava and other farm crops worth millions of naira were destroyed in the area following a landtussle.

"Police were able to avert what would have been a disaster in Uburu in the name of land dispute, but police when they received the information, quickly rushed to the place, but before our arrival, cassava plants have been damaged", he said.

Governor Umahi, who spoke through his Senior Assistant on Internal Security, Dr. Kenneth Ugbala, called on the people to remain calm, assuring that the state government will look into the incident.

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