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## 10 Feared Dead In Ebonyi, Cross River's Renewed Violence

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At least, 10 persons have been killed in a renewed hostility between the people of Azuofida Edda community in Abakaliki local government area of Ebonyi state and the neighbouring Ogurude in Cross River state.

The renewed violence which occurred at the weekend came after four persons in the communities were beheaded with houses and other valuable property worth millions of naira destroyed last month.

The two communities have been in boundary dispute for years. An eyewitness who did not want his name in print told our correspondent that in the latest violence between the two communities militia invaded Azuofida and attacked the community, killing some persons.

He said the invasion provoked the Azuofida people who also invaded Ogurude community in reprisals and killed some of the indigenes.

Worried by the unending crisis, the General Officer Commanding 82 Division, Major General Adamau Abubakar led a team of soldiers to the troubled communities.

Addressing traditional rulers and youths of the troubled communities, General Abubakra warned that the military will not tolerate further violence in the area. He vowed that the perpetrators will be fished out and brought to book and called on the communities to embrace.

The General Officer Commanding the 82 Division with its headquarters in Enugu later visited Governor Dave Umahi in Abakaliki on Saturday night and briefed the Governor on

the crisis and the intervention of the military.

While addressing the Governor at the Government House Abakaliki, Abubakar assured that the situation had been brought under control and calm restored, insisting that the perpetrators of the violence would be arrested and dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

Umahi while receiving the security briefs from Abubakar over the renewed violence, called on the Nigerian Army and other security agencies to sustain their presence in all the restive communities in the two neighbouring states so as to maintain peace operation following renewed hostilities in the communities.

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