

# Warlords behead civil servant; cook, eat body



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A level 13 civil servant in Ebonyi State, was, yesterday, killed in a renewed crisis between the people of Enyigba, Abakaliki Local Government Area (LGA) of the state and Alike-Ikwo in Ikwo LGA.

The two neighbouring communities have been at loggerheads for over 30 years. Recall that early this year, six persons were killed with markets and other properties worth millions of naira destroyed in an outbreak of violence between the two communities.

Angered by the killings, Governor Umahi declared that the state government had taken over the disputed land and ordered security agents to shoot-at-sight anybody found encroaching the land.

Umahi made the declaration at exco Chambers, Government House Abakaliki during a security meeting with stakeholders of the two local governments with all the security chiefs in attendance.

The crisis stopped following the governor's action. But yesterday, it resurfaced with a level 13 civil servant from Ikwo allegedly killed by the warlords and his body was allegedly cooked and eaten by them.

The incident was disclosed yesterday at a burial of a seasoned journalist, Comrade Jerry Ogbonnaya in Omege Noyo Ikwo LGA of

the state by a friend of the deceased.

Immediately, the man, who broke the news in tears, while disclosing the incident finished, sympathisers who attended the burial started leaving the venue. Omege Noyo is close to the war zone. Trouble started when one of the warring communities encroached the disputed land which angered the rival community, leading to shoot-out