

One feared killed in renewed Ebonyi, Cross River boundary dispute ②

One person has been reportedly killed in a renewed clash between border communities of Ebonyi and Cross River states.

The intractable decades-long Amagu Ikwo and Adadama boundary dispute have claimed many lives as intermittent clashes break out along the border between the two communities.

The recent clash, according to reports, claimed one life from Ikwo Local Government Area.

The member representing Ikwo/Ezza-South Federal Con-

stituency in the House of Representatives, Chinedu Ogah, in a statement accused the warriors from Adadama of invading Ochienyim Amagu Ikwo Community.

He said: "The information reaching me has it that unknown warriors suspected to have come from Adadama in Abi Local Government of Cross River State invaded Ochienyim Amagu Community and killed Mr David Nwachukwu during the cause of their operation.

"It is disheartening to note that some people allowed themselves to be used to perpetuate such gruesome and barbaric acts.

"I condemn in its totality the murder of this innocent man and I call on the people of Ochienyim Amagu Community to remain calm while urging the security operatives to carry out a thorough investigation on this and bring the perpetrators to book.

"I have always reiterated that it is through peaceful coexistence and unity that we can bring development to our communities not by war. Those who allow themselves to be used to cause mayhem and heinous acts should desist from that.

"I sympathise with the family of the deceased, Mr David Nwachukwu and pray that God comforts them in this time of great loss", he said.

Police spokesperson, Loveth Odah could not be reached for comments at the time of filling this report.

781.85 kg of hemp

1,554,232 kg of hemp in January, while 30 people were arrested and 227,622 kg were seized in February.

"The agency also achieved one conviction in January and five convictions were achieved in February.

"In line with President Muhammadu Buhari's War Against Drugs Abuse (WADA) initiative, the NDLEA also carries out counseling and rehabilitation for drug addicts," Ogunbiyi said.

He said the agency was now focusing on the WADA initiative to prevent people from using drugs as well as reforming, rehabilitating and reintegrating drug addicts back into the society.

Ogunbiyi said that the NDLEA was planning to build six rehabilitation centres, one in each of the six geo-political zones, as part of its counseling and rehabilitation work.

"Though NDLEA is mostly known for making arrests, seizure of drugs and prosecution of suspects, the agency's second mandate, key to our operation, is preventing people from using drugs.