

5 More Feared Dead in Ogbunike Crises

No fewer than five persons are feared dead, three kidnapped, while several others, including policemen are wounded over land dispute in Osile Village in Ogbunike, Oyi Local Government area of Anambra State, culminating in the arrest of the traditional ruler of the community, Igwe John Ositadinma Umenyiora by the police at the weekend.

Also, no fewer than 41 houses belonging to some indigenes of the Village were destroyed by youth of the community who went on rampage over a 30-acre expanse of communal land, which the village is trying to develop for communal project.

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Following this development, students of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, has issued a stern warning to the warring groups and land speculators in the community to steer clear of the school's investment located in the community.

According to President of the Students Union Government of the Institution, Mr Eze Umanah John, who briefed newsmen in the state capital, Awka on Monday, "we call the Ogbunike

and Osile people, particularly the youth, to limit their crisis to the confines of their community and should not on any account carry their communal crisis to the university's properties in Osile.

Meanwhile, the Osile Welfare League, the umbrella union of the village has appealed to the state Governor, Peter Obi, to impose a dusk-to dawn curfew on the Village to prevent escalation of the crisis.

Government was also urged to set up a judicial commission of inquiry to establish the remote and immediate causes of the crisis and trace the root of the problem between the community and traditional ruler, which is said to have led to the crisis.