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Elechi visits Ebonyi communal clash scene

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By Dennis Agbo

ABAKALIKI—FOUR days after the seizure of the Ezza-Ezillo disputed land by suspected hired militants, who overpowered both the military and police, Governor Martin Elechi of Ebonyi State, yesterday visited the war front, where no fewer than five policemen were reportedly killed by the militants.

Governor Elechi in company of the newly posted Commissioner of Police, drove round the communities of Ezillo, promising, however, to deal with the situation and stop the lawlessness.

He said that those perpetrating the war were criminals that must be dealt with.

The corpses that were said to be littered on the war field were, however, not seen, as they may have been cleared by the special mobile policemen that were drafted to the place. Road blocks have also returned to the war spots on the Enugu-Abakaliki highway while skeletal vehicular movements was noticed at the spot that was deserted since last week Friday, when the militants took control of the spot, killing innocent commuters and some policemen.

The communal war last Friday assumed a frightening dimension as men of the Nigerian Police Force were overran by the militants that confronted them, burnt two police vans and smashed police armoured tanks that were recently acquired by the Ebonyi State government.

Also the Minister for Works, Housing and Urban Development, Alhaji Hassan Lawal, who was bailed to visit the state could not get into the state as the Enugu-Abakaliki Road was overtaken by the militants. Police eyewitness was quoted as saying that the militants turned into skeleton, making it difficult to capture them.

Movement between Abakaliki and Enugu is now frustrating as commuters use the bush paths of Agba-Ezzagu to Nkanu areas of Enugu State. Others have opted to ply from Enugu to Okigwe-Afikpo and back to Abakaliki.



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