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Ezillo (Ebonyi) – More than 50 people have been killed, Saturday, following a clash between the neighbouring communities of Ezillo and Ezza in Ebonyi State.

Vanguard gathered that over 50 people were killed when a group of people from Ezza community attacked residents of neighbouring Ezilo over a land dispute.

Meanwhile, Ebonyi state governor Martin Elechi, during his visit to the area said government would not tolerate the wanton killing of innocent citizens and the destruction of property in the name of communal conflict.

“It is unfortunate that these hoodlums want to return anarchy to the area in spite of the



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Joseph Ubiagba

NANS should think. Universities are shut down now because of money to implement what lecturers are asking for on their behalf. Which one matters most for them as students?

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success of the government in bringing peace to the area since 2010.

“We will not fold our hands and allow the area to degenerate into chaos again, as government will do its best to ameliorate the victims’ sorrows,” the governor said

Mr Adeola Adeniji, the Commissioner of Police in the state, who accompanied the governor on the visit, said the police would ensure that the situation did not degenerate further as was the case in the past.

“Though no arrests have been made, more police reinforcements are being expected from Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Cross River, to collectively ensure that the situation is brought under control,” he said.

Chief Solomon Egbu, a native of the area said that the hoodlums were suspected to have come from Ezza.

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Tina Alouka

This is a glimpse of what will happen if Nigeria breaks up! The fight for domination will be awesome and will lead to further fragmentation! In the South South, Ijaw Vs Itsekiri Vs Urhobo just to name a few, In the South East, instances like the one above, In the South West, Ibadan will be fighting Oyo, the list is endless! It will be an orgy of war

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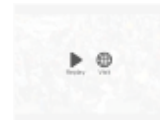


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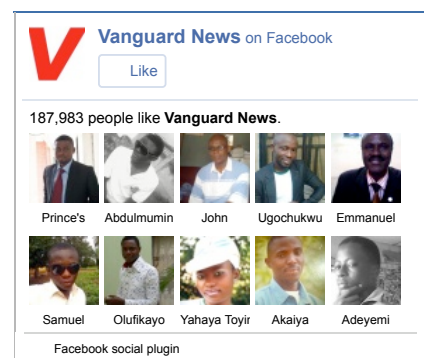
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because we always associate with our immediate group first and then the larger one if we have a common enemy! It should be the other way around! Be a Nigerian first before being, Ijaw, Yoruba, Igbo, Tiv, Fulani etc!

That's when mediocrity will not be celebrated again and we can put the person deserving a position there not because of his tribe but because he knows his onions!

I pray and hope we get there one day cos then the shackles the political class has put on us as a people will be lifted that day!

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Dimkpa

People had all the years tried to be Nigerians first by going to all nooks and crannies of Nigeria to live and do business, but what they get is being brutally massacred by their hosts at any turn, and government having no answer as to who the killers were.

What happened was a communal clash, it is no excuse to continue to live in near hell as we do in Nigeria.

So please take those your fears of, if Nigeria breaks, communities shall be fighting communities, to the birds. Only the birds can entertain you with listening to such fears you preach.

Nigeria as it is now is sweet to you, no doubt. May those who died rest in peace.

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in reply to Tina Alouka



Ambai Bushy

When it is between the Jukuns and the Tivs or the Ngwas and the Annangs it is understood because they belong to different tribes and states but when it is between the Ifes and the Modakekes or the Ezilo and

Ezzas one is confused because these are brothers. The fracas did not just start and get to this level of bloodshed overnight. These two settlements have elders, councilors, Ezes who would have intervened in time to nib the wanton destruction of lives and property in its bud. Since it has taken this dimension, let the Federal Government establish Mobile Police Post at the boundary of the two communities to prevent further escalation of conflicts between the two communities. Let the governor set up a commission of enquiry to look into the sudden and remote causes of the killings.

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.....homegrown terrorists. When suddenly did they turn from being farm labourers for which they were famous.

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UndaWearBomba

THE TRUE STORY:

Though, I must condemn killing in any guise but wish to say that:

Ezillo is a small dialectical community living along the roadside of Enugu-Abakaliki Federal Highway in Ebonyi state. They share common boundaries with the Ngbo and Ezza communities, two other dialectical communities too. In those days of feudal lordism, war broke out between the Ezillo and Ngbo people to the extent that the Ezillo people were almost going extinct. But because the Ezzas are renowned warriors, having defeated many foes then, were consulted by the Ezillos for assistance in fighting against the Ngbos to reclaim their lost places of habitation. Part of the agreement was that the Ezzas will be compensated with a parcel of land where

they would reside to farm if they helped to subdue the already-invincible Ngbo people. The Ezzas fought for them to reclaim their lost living areas. That was a long century ago. The Ezzas are the most populous and most evenly spread across the three geopolitical zones of the state. Having said so, they enterprise faster in any place they reside. Before year 2009, they lived in harmony in Ezillo without discrimination, with some seeing Ezillo as where their great grand parents were born. With their charisma of enterprise, they have built almost every modern house one could find in Ezillo as well as run all the shops and businesses that attracted modern life, thus, making Ezillo the envy of every other small towns in the state. But today's young people have desecrated every where with money from politics. Illiterates forget history so fast but the educated use history for a breakthrough. Ezillo youths suddenly rose to say the Ezzas must leave Ezillo just because an Ezza man opened a "Glo phone booth" to sell recharge cards. They flared up and burned all the houses and shops belonging to the Ezzas. The state Governor Mr. Martin Elechi intervened with bias. Instead of giving a political solution, he ordered the Ezzas to relocate to a burial ground abandoning all their farm lands and political Wards and without compensation to their burnt properties. What do you expect to happen? ...recrudescence of war of course!!! Now, once a bubbling town of Ezillo has become a shadow of itself. While other nations are busy developing Science & Technology, Nigerian Governors are busy fighting ethnic domination. Shame!!!!

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You will live long cos u've spoken d truth
n notin bt d truth. Governor Elechi

hates Ndi Ezza with passion dat y his
nt helpin in resolving dis little
misunderstanding btw dis too waring
factions n now its tellin on Ezilo ppl
who tot they'v gotten Elechi's support.
Shame on u governor Elechi.

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in reply to UndaWearBomba



Uwagboe Emmanuel

to all those asking for Nigeria to break up
because of the killings in the North, it is time
to ask your self if Ebonyi state should break
up because of these killings.

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Centurion

Over 50 lives lost in an area where we hAve
over 20 Police check points within a 5km
radius, and we say we have security in
Nigeria? Its a national shame!

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morristo82

senator julious ucha should answer some
qestions for this genocide that he
sponsoring in the name of politics federal
government should suport ezillo people and
bring him to face the game

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If FG does dat' more deaths will be
recorded in d side of Ezilo bc Ezza will
do anything they could 2 arrest d
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includin Effium ppl they will tell u mor
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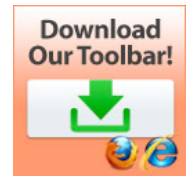
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