

# 5 feared dead in Anambra communal clash

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**N**EWI— THE  
agelong war between  
Anaku and Omor  
communities in Ayamelum  
Local Government Area of  
Anambra State, yesterday,  
evening reared its head  
again as no fewer than five  
persons were feared killed.

The reason for the current  
crisis is yet to be ascertained,  
but *Vanguard* gathered that  
it may be in connection with  
land matter, which had  
pitched the communities  
against each other, leading  
to death in both  
communities.

The lingering crisis  
between the two  
communities in the recent  
past has defied interventions  
of government and well-  
meaning members of the  
two communities, including  
the traditional ruler of Omor,  
His Royal Highness, Igwe  
Chris Chidume Oranu, who  
had in his many Ofala

festivals, pleaded for peace  
between the two  
communities.

A source in one of the  
communities confirmed the  
fresh crisis to *Vanguard*,  
adding that some of the  
community leaders will  
speak on the development  
soon.

Contacted on the crisis,  
Anambra State Police Public  
Relations Officer, DSP  
Tochukwu Ikenga, said there  
had been heavy deployment  
of joint task force team,  
comprising Police, Army and  
Navy around the battling  
communities

He said: "I don't have any  
brief on it yet, but in the early  
hours of today 6/2/2023, the  
command received a distress  
call of alleged sounds of  
gunshots within the  
communities of Omor and  
Anaku, Ayamelum Local  
Government Area.

"There has been heavy  
deployment of a joint task  
force team, which comprises  
Police, Army and Navy. The  
situation is being monitored.  
Further development shall  
be communicated, please."