

Suspected warlords behead 2 in Ebonyi



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TWO persons, 79-year-old Paul Idu and 47-year-old Elizabeth Amos Agbudu, natives of Igede village, Akparata, Effium, in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, have again reportedly been beheaded.

Also, the whereabouts of 10-year-old Master Ekene Ukwo are still unknown at press time while three houses were also razed down.

This happened early yesterday morning in an attack by a suspected Ezza warlords. This is coming 24 hours after two persons were beheaded in the same village, and property worth millions of Naira destroyed.

Worried by incessant attacks, the natives of Effium autonomous community in Ohaukwu Local Government Area have called on President Bola Tinubu and Governor Francis Nwifuru of Ebonyi State to note “the continuous killings, burning of houses and kidnapping of innocent people by suspected Ezza warlords.”

President General of Effium Autonomous community, Dr. James Agena, alleged that the warlords invaded the community by 12:20 am on Monday, killed two people, kidnapped one, burnt three houses, and left many injured.

He lamented that the latest attack was the third in the series of coordinated attacks on Effium natives by suspected Ezza warriors within a short period of one week.

“Your Excellency sir, once again Ezza warriors this morning, at about 12:20 am attacked Igede village in Akparata area of Effium, killed and beheaded 70-year old man Mr. Paul Idu, and 47-year old woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Amos Agbudu; and the whereabouts of 10-year old Master Ekene Ukwo is still unknown, coupled with the burning down of three houses by these evil men.

“Once again, we call on the government of Ebonyi State, the security agencies, and indeed the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to protect the peace-loving Effium natives.”

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