

Liberia: Land Disputes Heighten in Bomi

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Bomi County Land Commissioner, Abraham B.S. Jones, is urging citizens of the county to handle land disputes at district level before forwarding them to his office.

Commissioner Jones said if cases involving tribal land are initiated from the districts, they will be easily handled and quickly resolved. He said cases related to farm road, creek or village boundaries should be handled by clan chiefs or town chiefs.

The commissioner said issues such as somebody wanting to acquire land are the ones that should be addressed by his office. Commissioner Jones made the clarification in an interview with the Liberia News Agency after settling a land case between the people of Zohnbaiman and Beagonah towns in the county.

He said anybody wanting to obtain a public land or wanting to survey a public land should apply to his office in order to send the county's surveyor to the site to conduct the survey.

He told LINA that the people of Zohnbaiman in Dowein district have original deed for 3,500 acres of agricultural land, but the people of Beagonah in Klay district, who were attempting to survey the land do not have any deed.

He said the two groups have agreed to re-survey the land and the county surveyor will conduct the surveyor which will include identifying tribal boundaries to demarcate the Zohnbaiman people's land. Commissioner Jones however said his office lacks staff and basic logistics, including secretary, messenger, transportation and computers.

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