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UZBEKISTAN, KYRGYZSTAN BORDER DUSTUP PROMPTS RAPID-REACTION DIPLOMACY

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Violence among residents on the border of Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan over the weekend has left dozens hurt and prompted a bout of rapid, high-level diplomacy between the leaders of the two nations.

The fighting on May 31, which broke out between villagers in the Kyrgyz settlement of Chechme and the Uzbek enclave of Sokh, appears to have arisen out of a dispute of access to water. Stone-throwing eventually escalated into something more serious as buildings were set alight.

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