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## Benue, C/River border clash turns bloody

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AT least 50 persons were feared dead in a border clash between residents of Obanliku local government area of Cross River State and those of Vandeikya in Benue State.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the clash erupted a fortnight ago over ownership of a parcel of land. Sources from the two areas claimed that the death toll represented casualties from both sides of the boundary.

*Daily Champion* investigations revealed that indigenes and residents of the border community have fled the area since the clash began for fear of reprisal attack.

Also, students of the Bebi campus of the Federal College of Education, Obudu, it was learnt, have been directed to vacate the school by the school authorities who hurriedly closed it down.

The students were told to return to the institution's main campus at Obudu.

Deputy governor, of Cross Rivers State, Barrister Cobham will visit the area today (Thursday).



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