

and psychotropic substances in hectares of cannabis sativa including two females were reduction Unit of the command counseled 33 drug users, treated and rehabilitated six victims. that he killed the victim for ritual purposes, but exonerated his mother.

4 killed over land tussle in Edo

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Four persons have allegedly been killed in Edo state as a result of boundary dispute between two communities.

The land dispute, it was gathered, was between Itsukwi and Imiakabu communities in Etsako East local government of the state.

However, the police spokesman in the state, Chidi Nwabuzor, said no life was lost during the crisis. He said a police officer was injured during the crisis and that the officer was receiving treatment at the Intensive Care Unit of an hospital in the state.

It was gathered that both communities have been claiming ownership of the land

but the dispute snowballed into crisis on Friday when youths of Imiakabu blocked the road from Okpella community to North Ibie, preventing motorists and passengers from plying the route.

Following the development, police were dispatched to the area to help maintain law and order but the youths opened fire on the police injuring one officer and was

rushed to the hospital.

It was further gathered from a resident of the area that on Saturday, a team of police was deployed to the area to effect arrest but the youths opened fire on the police and the police responded and in the process four persons were killed including a police officer while many others sustained injuries.