

# 4 Killed, homes burnt in Benue communal clash

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At least four lives have been lost and numerous houses razed to the ground following a violent clash between two neighbouring communities in the Ohimini and Otukpo local government areas of Benue State.

According to local residents, the conflict erupted between the Amla community in Otukpo LGA and the Okete community in Ohimini

LGA over disputed land.

The clash, which occurred over the weekend, escalated into widespread violence, resulting in casualties and significant property damage.

The unrest reportedly began on Friday when individuals from Ohimini opened fire on workers from Otukpo who were developing a layout in the disputed area.

This action, perceived as an encroachment on their land, sparked tensions between the two communities.

Alfred Omakwu, Chairman of Otukpo LGA, confirmed the incident, stating that the clash led to the loss of three lives. He explained that the dispute stemmed from conflicting claims over land usage and ownership rights. Despite efforts to mediate the situation, violence erupted.

"Efforts to resolve the conflict are underway, with authorities convening peace talks to restore calm and hold those responsible for the violence accountable. Both sides have agreed to cooperate

with law enforcement to ensure justice is served," he said.

On his part, the Council Chairman of Ohimini, Samson Okoh, alleged that the Alma people burnt 17 houses, burnt motorcycles, slaughtered a clan head, Chief Sunday Okpe, and injured five persons whom were shot but didn't die.

The Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, acknowledging the loss of one life but indicating that further details were yet to be obtained.

## Kano doctor suspended for abandoning patients

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hospital but never showed up, leaving a dialysis patient in a terrible state.

The Executive Secretary, Kano State Hospitals Management Board (HMB), Dr Mansur Mudi Nagoda, has approved the immediate suspension of a medical doctor at Muhammad Abdullahi Wase Teaching Hospital for allegedly leaving patients stranded.

This was sequel to complaints received by patients and staff after the doctor left the facility without informing the management of the hospital.

He explained that several calls were put to her, and she kept saying she was at the

The executive secretary stressed that the medical officer's suspension will be effective pending the outcome of the investigation.

"The supervision will continue with full force, and we expect everyone whose name appears on the duty roster to be at their post. Whoever is found wanting should have themselves to blame," he said.

Dr Nagoda pointed out that doctors took an oath to protect lives which should be a top priority and urged them to redouble their efforts.