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## Five feared dead as soldiers, police clash

*From Alemma-Ozioruva Aliu, Benin City*

**SOLDIERS** and mobile policemen attached to the Edo State special security outfit, Operation Thunderstorm, clashed in Benin City yesterday, with five people feared dead. The dead were believed to include two soldiers and three mobile policemen while about 10 civilians sustained various degree of injuries.

The incident which occurred at the Ogida quarters area of a Mobile Police force unit engendered pandemonium.

The cause of the clash was immediately unknown but it was gathered that the problem started after a heated argument between a mobile policeman and a soldier. The policeman was said to have mobilised his colleagues against the soldier.

Residents in the area have fled the locality.

But a senior police officer who spoke to The Guardian yesterday night said the leadership of the two forces in the state were meeting on the issue.


"That is not true that we lost three men but I can tell you that our people are meeting to settle the crisis," he said.

It was learnt that the Brigade Commander and the Commissioner of Police in the state, Danlami Yar'Adua, met.

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