

One Dies, Three Injured In Kwara Boundary Clash

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Violence over boundary dispute erupted on Monday again between the two neighboring towns of Share in Ifelodun Local Government area and Tsaragi in Edu Local Government of Kwara State.

This is coming eight years after a similar incident was quelled by security forces.

The clash reportedly led to the death of one person apart from three others said to be on danger list in a hospital.

Scores of houses and other property were destroyed in the towns by armed youth from the two sides. Unconfirmed reports said the palace of Olupako of Share and a section of the secretariat of Ifelodun Local Government were burnt down.

The crisis, it was learnt, was ignited by refusal of some people from one side of the dispute to allow people from the other side to build a new school on a location in the area.

The group that denied the other access to the land reportedly claimed

that the location was within the disputed boundary while the other people insisted that the location was far off the disputed spot.

It was learnt that in order to prevent the ensuing face-off from degenerating to violent clash chairmen of each local government of the two towns on Sunday came in by appealing to the two sides to maintain the peace.

However, the clash was resorted to in the early hours of Monday when a side of the warring communities reportedly discovered that it has lost a person to the face-off of

the previous day.

State police command on Monday dispatched about 200-combined team of regular and mobile police to the scene to reinforce the earlier team mounting security in the area.

The command took the action when the strength of the earlier team could not enforce the curfew imposed on the two communities by the state government.

A delegate of the government led by Secretary to the State Government, Saka Onimago, reportedly left for the scene later to mediate in the crisis.