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## Varsity To Run IJMB Programme In New-Bussa

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MANAGEMENT of Ibrahim Badamasi University (IBBU), Lapai, Niger State, has concluded plans to run Interim Joint Matriculation Examination Board (IJMB) at the out campus in New-Bussa as part of efforts to reposition the multi-campus of the state-owned university.

The four Schools of Remedial and General Studies (SRGS) located in the three geo-political zones of the state have been restructured to improve on their academic performances for easy admission into universities of their choice in the country.

The move, according to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibrahim Kolo, is to give room

## Communal Clash Claims 19 In Adamawa

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NO fewer than 19 persons have been allegedly killed with several others sustaining serious wounds in a clash between inhabitants of Shobo village in Lamurde council of

Adamawa State and insurgents from Dadiya community in the neighbouring Balanga Local Government Area of Gombe State.

It was gathered that the fight, which broke out in the early hours of Tuesday May 22, 2010, was over owner-

ship of large expanse of farmland.

Eyewitness said houses were burnt down, farmland, livestock, grains and property worth millions of naira were equally destroyed by the attackers.

A source said that tension has been rising in the area following the refusal of Shobo people to allow those from neighbouring Dadiya village in Gombe State to farm in the disputed land.

Also a native of Shobo, who identified himself asSilas, said, "We have been having disagreement with Dadiya people over the farmland

but unknown to us, while we were in the farm on that fateful Tuesday, our neighbours attacked our village, killing both men, women as well as small children; they also burnt down our houses and livestock, destroying grains and other valuables".

Reacting on the clash, the Adamawa State Police Command confirmed the incident and disclosed that a unit of Mobile policemen had since been deployed to the area to forestall the clash from escalating to an uncontrollable situation.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state command, Altine Daniel, in a telephone chat on Thursday, said the official number of deaths was nine, just as she disclosed that several others were inflicted varying degrees of wounds.

The PPRO said the area, which is situated on a mountain, is now hosting the mobile policemen, who are presently keeping guard, adding that normalcy has retuned based on the information emanating from the area.

On the clash, Chairman of Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Solomon Obadiah, expressed shock over the attack, describing it as an, "unprovoked attack from our neighbours in Dadiya village of Gombe State."

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Obadiah said inhabitants of Shobo have fled their village for fear of another attack, and are presently seeking refuge at Shuwa Primary School in Lamurde.

Meanwhile, leadership of the Adamawa State House of Assembly has constituted a five-man ad-hoc committee to visit the area and conduct findings into the matter with the aim of taking a resolution for government's urgent intervention.