

# Eight killed in Edo clash

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**R**ESIDENTS of the University town of Okada in Edo State have fled the area following a violent clash between Fulani cattle herdsman and some settlers over allegation that the herdsman raped and eventually murdered a female settler.

Eight persons and several heads of cattle were reportedly killed in the violent confrontation that left 12 persons with serious injuries.

The clash, which started on Tuesday, reportedly led to the death of two of the herdsman, while a continuation of the clash yesterday left six additional persons dead before policemen sent to the town succeeded in restoring some measure of order.

The herdsman were accused of raping and killing a girl, an action that drew the ire of the settlers who attacked the herdsman.

A native of the community who intervened to prevent the attack on the Fulani cattle herdsman, was himself attacked, brutalised and his house vandalised.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Bala Hassan, who confirmed the incident, said he had deployed policemen, warning that people should not take the laws into their hands.

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