

## FOREIGN NEWS

### Four feared dead in Kwara communal clash

**F**OUR persons are feared dead in yesterday's clash between Odo-Owa and Il-offa communities in Oke Ero Local Government Area of Kwara State.

From Adekunle Jimoh, Ilorin

own seniority.

The communities share a border market.

One of those reportedly killed is a young graduate who escorted his wife to the market.

Several houses were also razed while many residents have fled to neighbouring

It was gathered the market was built to serve as a buffer zone, following series of clashes between the communities. The monarchs have been at logger-

heads over seniority issues, and a recent upgrading of one of them to a first class status allegedly angered indigenes of the other community.

Traditionally, one of the monarchs will be the first to sell yams from his farm, supervised by market leaders, before any other person.

A source said on phone: "That was what happened yesterday. One of the Obas was selling his yams when his colleague heard of it, walked straight to the market and challenged him.

The clash is the second in two years between the communities. The crisis allegedly resulted from a disagreement over who has the right to first sell yams harvested from their monarchs' farm.

It was gathered that one of the monarchs felt offended that his colleague was already selling his yams without deferring to his

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