

Three killed, houses set ablaze in Benue 'cult' clash



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Three persons reportedly died in a cult clash in the North Bank area of Makurdi, the Benue State capital.

Three houses and a small mosque were also burnt. Makurdi is divided into north and south.

The Nation gathered that trouble started in the Katungu area of north bank on Wednesday night when rival cult groups started fighting, and two water hawkers died.

The following day, youths were said to have mobilised and waged war on the cult groups. "Houses of suspecting cult members were set ablaze in the melee while property worth millions destroyed," a resident, Mallam Adamu, who fled the troubled area, said.

A community leader, Alhaji Musa Plato, who confirmed the incident, said the Commissioner of Police Wale Abass and his team have restored normalcy in the area.

He said: "The Commissioner of Police and his team have addressed community members and vowed to apprehend the perpetrators and bring them to face the law."

Police spokesperson Kate Anene was yet to confirm as at last night.