One killed, crops destroyed in Benue, Cross River land dispute



One person has been killed in the land dispute between Mbazerem in Vandeikya Local Government Area of Benue State and Abonkip, Obudu, Cross River State.

The two communities have been at logger heads for many years.

However, the renewed crisis started on Friday.

Abonkip youths in Obudu, Cross River State were said to have violated boarder agreement by encroaching on Benue land, where they destroyed crops and economic trees worth millions of Naira.

In the ensuing melee, gunshots were fired by both sides.

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In retaliation, it was alleged that a commercial driver of Tiv extraction was alleged waylaid on Obudu-Tsar Road and killed

The Nation learnt that the crisis has been brought under control by the local governments 'chairmen chairmen from Obudu and Vandeikya.

Chairman of Vandeikya Local Government Area, Dennis Guda confirmed the incident.

The Area Police Command said they had deployed anti riots squad to the troubled areas, and the situation had been brought under control.