

One dead in Edo communal clash, houses, car destroyed

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THE crisis of ownership of a riverine community in Edo State between the Benin in Obazuwa community in Ovia North East Local Government Area and Ijaw over a disputed area called Iko by the Benin and Ikoro by Ijaw, has

claimed one life.

Apart from the deceased, the oldest man in the community, known as Odinwere in Benin dialect, Pa Agidi Roland, has been hospitalised following injuries inflicted on him in the course of the crisis.

The issue escalated as the

two ethnic groups charged at each other, leaving one person, identified as Pa William Amuawosa, killed.

A short video of the crisis released on social media on Monday showed that some buildings and a vehicle were equally damaged, just as carcasses of animals littered the

area.

However, when contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bello Kontongs, said he was yet to get a detailed briefing from the divisional police officer in the area and so could not confirm the incident.

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