

Okada deserted as Fulani, villagers clash

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THE university town of Okada in Ovia North East Local Government Area of Edo State has been deserted following a clash between Fulani cattle rearers and some settlers over allegations of rape and murder against some Fulani herdsmen.

The clash which started on Tuesday had claimed the lives of two Fulani herdsmen

and several cattle heads.

But the clash continued on Wednesday with the death of additional six people before the police came in to stop further bloodshed.

The herdsmen were accused of raping and killing a little girl from the area. This attracted the anger of the settlers who launched an attack on the herdsmen.

A native of the place who tried to prevent an attack on

the herdsmen was reportedly brutalised and his house vandalised.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Peter Ogboi, said the police had deployed many policemen in the town to forestall further breakdown of law and order.

In the past, there had been several skirmishes between cattle nomads and farmers over destruction of farmlands.