

# Fighting breaks out between Benue, Cross River communities

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Cross River State Governor Ben Ayade

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Fighting broke out on Wednesday between the Tsar community in the Vandekya Local Government Area of Benue State, and Obudu, the local government area of Governor Ben Ayade of Cross River State.

The cause of the fight, which reportedly resulted in the death of two persons in the Tsar, could not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report, but the two communities have always clashed over land.

The Permanent Secretary in the Cross River Governor's Office, Dr Alfred Mboto, confirmed the incident.

“Security agencies have been deployed from both Benue and Cross River states in the affected areas and normalcy has been restored,” Mboto told our correspondent on Wednesday.

He said dialogue was ongoing among the stakeholders of both communities to bring about a lasting solution.

Mboto said he could not confirm the casualty figure as none was at his disposal as of the time of this report.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Irene Ugbo, also confirmed the clash and promised to give further information later, but she had yet to get back to our correspondent.