

Land dispute claims 3 lives in Edo

From **Ighomuaye Lucky**,
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THREE persons were reportedly killed following boundary dispute between Sabongida-Ora and Uhonmora-Ora in Owan West local government area of Edo State. It was learnt that the crisis started on Sunday, when some people went to measure land at the boundary between the two communities.

It was further gathered that on hearing the news, youths of both communities mobilised to the area and started fighting. It was also gathered

that the development compelled schools and businesses to close, as youths of the two communities fought dirty over boundary. A source from the community, who preferred anonymity, said the crisis left three persons dead.

"The crisis started three days ago when some people went to measure the land at the boundary between the two communities and they were attacked."

He alleged that the motorcycles used in transporting people to the place were destroyed. "As I speak to you now, nobody comes to Uhon-

mora from Sabongida and nobody comes to Sabongida from Uhonmora for fear of being killed. Three persons have been killed, so far. We can no longer move freely," he alleged. He, however, pleaded with the state government to come to the rescue of the communities to avoid more bloodbath.

Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State, Kontongs Bello, said, "somebody was just telling me now, I need to confirm before I brief the press."

Customs makes N61m, 43 seizures in 18 days

From **Layi Olanrewaju**,
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THE Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) Joint Border Patrol Team Sector 3, yesterday, said it had seized 43 various items with a duty paid value of N61,002,800 million

within 18 months.

The coordinator of the team, in charge of North Central, Comptroller Olugboyega Peters, stated this while briefing journalists at the command headquarters in Ilorin.

Her said the patrol team

has also arrested five illegal immigrants with arms and ammunition.

He said some of the items seized include 1,274 bags of foreign rice, neatly packed in 13 pickup vans, 23 units of used vehicles, one locally made gun and eight cartridges.