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wo people were reported killed during a clash between herdsmen and farmers at Sobe in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State.

Trouble started on Sunday when an 11-year-old boy was allegedly slaughtered inside the bush by suspected herders.

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The boy was said to have gone to the bush to pick firewood when he was killed.

Witnesses said the boy's relatives from the Kwale extraction had mobilised and gone after the herders. They reportedly killed one of the herdsmen in the process.

The Chairman of the local government, Mr. Frank llaboya, appealed for calm in the community.

llaboya said he had informed the state Commissioner of Police, Lawal Jimeta, about the killings and also requested for reinforcement if the need arose.

He said: "There is need for everybody to remain peaceful and calm in the community. I have personally spoken to the Odibiado of Sobe, His Royal Highness, Anthony Ero Aleburu, on the need to mobilise his people to ensure there is no more casualty.

"I have also spoken and mobilised the security apparatus in the local government to ensure they are on the standby to forestall further crisis.

"Thank God the security agencies quickly moved in, and in conjunction with the Odibiado and the people of Sobe, calm was restored

"This is why I am appealing to all for calm, that people should refrain from further violence, as violence will not do the community or anybody good."

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