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At least 16 people are feared dead and several others missing in a bloody war that ensued last Saturday between the people of Nko Community in Yakurr Local Government Area and their neighbours, Onyadama Community in Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State. More than 5,000 men from Onyadama and other villages in Obubra armed with guns, cutlasses and other weapons stormed Nko in the early hours of Saturday burning houses and causing other destruction. It was hell for motorists and other road users as the men who wore charms and other traditional amulets blocked the Calabar – Ikom highway as both communities lie along the highway. Indeed, **THISDAY** Cross River State Correspondent was trapped in the war zone as the warriors commandeered the 505 Peugeot Station Wagon commercial vehicle he was travelling in. At least 15 warriors from Obubra jumped on the vehicle, squeezing into every available space when they were retreating from Nko when mobile policemen arrived the scene of the battle. It was after several entreaties from the scared passengers that they released the vehicle. By the time the passengers left the scene they realised that some of their luggage had disappeared.