

There have been reports of members of the mainstream PDP defecting to the Abubakar Baraje

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## **Community Clash Claims 10, Several Cars, Buildings in Edo**

**Adibe Emenyonu** in Benin-City

A community clash yesterday claimed the lives of 10 persons, while several cars and houses were destroyed in Ukhurumi, a community in Oredo Local Government Area of Edo State.

An eyewitnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the clash was as a result of a leadership tussle between members of Ukhurumi Community Development Association (CDA) loyal to both the chairman and his deputy.

According to THISDAY findings, trouble started when loyalists to both leaders clash in the quest to either wrest or retain power leading to a free for all fight.

"The reaction that followed was spontaneous as gun shots

rented the air. Several cars and houses belonging to members from both groups were torched in the ensuing fight and not less than ten persons have died from the incident," the witness disclosed.

Following the clash, the community has been deserted by inhabitants for fear of possible reprisal as many cars and buildings were yesterday burnt by the combatants, another eye witness added.

Also confirming the story, the Army Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the 4th Brigade, Capt. Roslyn Managbe, said: "We are yet to make any arrest.

"We arrived after the damaged had been done. We are on ground to forestall any further crisis and to bring peace back to the community," she said.

**Fulani Herdsmen Kill**