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8 killed in Edo communal clash

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BENIN—EIGHT persons have been killed while hundreds of people have fled their homes, following a bloody clash between Hausas and Idomas residing in Okada, Ovia North East Local Government Council of Edo State yesterday.

Vanguard gathered that the trouble started last month when ritualist killed an Hausa girl and the Hausas accused the Idomas of the killing and they were said to have vowed to avenge the death of their daughter.

It was gathered that the latest war started Tuesday night when an Idoma lady was discovered to have been killed in the farm, while some parts of her body have been removed.

Consequently, it said that the Idomas attacked the Hausas resulting to the killing of a man. Following their action, the Hausas went on a reprisal attack and eight persons including some Okada indigenes were reported killed in the mayhem.

As at the time of filing this report, it was gathered that hundreds of residents of the area have fled the community which is very close to the Okada junction while the body of the victims have been deposited at the Benin Central hospital.

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