

# Farmers, herders clash claims two in Edo

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**B**ENIN CITY—TWO persons have been reported killed in Sobe, Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State, as a result of a clash between farmers and herders.

*Vanguard* gathered that tension heightened in the community over possible reprisal attack from the herders.

Trouble was said to have started Sunday, when an 11-year-old boy, who was said to have gone to the bush to fetch firewood, was found slaughtered in the bush by suspected herders.

It was gathered that the boy's kinsmen in the area mobilised and allegedly killed one of the herdsmen.

However, Chairman of the council, Frank Ilaboya, has appealed for calm, adding that he has formally reported the incident to the police.

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 for calm. People should refrain from further violence, as violence will not do the community or anybody good."