

Many feared dead in Adamawa communal clash

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Many people were, on Sunday, feared dead and houses torched in a communal clash between Chobo and Bachama communities in Lamurde Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Both communities have, for a long time, been engaged in deadly clashes, resulting in killings on both sides and destruction of property. The lingering crisis has defied several peace accords brokered by the state government.

Some people are of the view that the cause of the disagreement has to do with

a lingering farmland dispute, while others believe the crisis is linked to the traditional chieftaincy stool, which the Chobo extraction is demanding to be carved out of the Bachama traditional council.

At the height of the crisis last December, another peace accord, presided over by Adamawa State Governor Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, was signed by both parties.

The warring communities pledged to cease fire and ensure harmonious coexistence.

The renewed hostilities occurred barely two months after the last peace pact, during which the governor declared

“no victor, no vanquished.”

Although details of the Sunday attack are still sketchy, residents said several people were killed and houses were burnt in Rugange village and Lamurde town.

The spokesperson of the Adamawa State Police Command, SP Suleiman Nguroje, confirmed the violence but said casualties were yet to be verified at the time of filing this report.

Fintiri imposes 24-hour curfew on Lamurde LG

Meanwhile, the Adamawa State Government has imposed a 24-hour curfew on Lamurde Local Government Area

following renewed clashes between the Chobo and Bachama communities.

In a statement on Sunday, Mr Humwashi Wonosikou, Chief Press Secretary to Governor Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, said the government would not allow disturbances caused by miscreants to threaten peace and harmony in the state.

“Adamawa State Governor, Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, has imposed a 24-hour curfew on Lamurde Local Government Area with immediate effect. This follows renewed violent attacks and breach of peace in some communities within the area,” the statement said.

It added that security agencies have been directed to strictly enforce the curfew, which will remain in place until further notice.

The government urged residents to comply with the directive and provide useful information to security agencies to ensure peaceful coexistence.

The statement warned that anyone found violating the curfew would be arrested and prosecuted, emphasising the government’s commitment to protecting lives and property.

The governor also appealed for the cooperation of residents to restore normalcy in the affected communities.

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