

Seven killed, six injured, houses torched in Bauchi, farmers/herders clash

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BAUCHI State Police Command has confirmed the death of seven people and six others that were injured during a violent clash between farmers and herders in Lazai district, Darazo Local Government Area of the state.

The confirmation was made by the Command through its Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Nafiu Habib, in a statement he signed on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Sani-Omolori Aliyu, copies of which were made available to journalists on Thursday.

He, however, assured that normalcy has been restored in the affected villages, Lanzai and Dosho communities following the violent clash that resulted in the loss of lives and destruction of property.

“On June 4, at about 0920 hours, the Command received a distress report that suspected Fulani men attacked farmers. who were applying local fertiliser on their

farm at the outskirts of Lanzai, Lanzai community, Darazo Local Government Area,” he said.

“In a reprisal attack, youths from Lanzai community mobilised and proceeded to Dosho village, a Fulani settlement, where they set fire to the entire area,” he added.

In the process, not fewer than 50 huts were razed and several household materials were destroyed.

“The incident led to the death of seven persons, while six others sustained various degree of injuries and are currently receiving medical attention at undisclosed health facilities,” he said.

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“Extensive damage was also recorded on residential structures and personal belongings.

“Upon receipt of the report, tactical operatives were deployed to the affected areas to restore law and order, prevent further escalation and commence investigations.

“The Violent Crime Response Unit (VCRU) has been deployed as reinforcement to maintain peace, while patrols have been intensified in Lanzai, Dosho and adjoining communities,” he said.

However, Sani-Omolori Aliyu has directed a thorough investigation into both the immediate and remote causes of the incident.

He assured that perpetrators of the initial attack and those responsible for the reprisal will be identified and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

Sani-Omolori Aliyu appealed to community leaders and residents to remain calm and avoid taking the law into their own hands and reiterated the Command’s commitment to protecting lives and property as well as ensuring justice for all parties involved

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