

# BREAKING: Two feared killed in Adamawa communal crisis

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Spokesperson, Adamawa State Police Command, Suleiman Yahaya-Nguroje. Credit: Police

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Two people have been feared killed in renewed clashes between the Chobo and Bachaman communities in Adamawa State, Lamurde Local Government Area.

Confirming the incident to PUNCH Online on Sunday, the Adamawa State Police Command's spokesman, SP Suleiman Nguroje, said the crisis erupted on Saturday night.

"We received a report last night that suspected Chobo youths invaded Lamurde town and were shooting sporadically, prompting the Bachaman youths to mobilise and confront them," Nguroje stated.

He added that heavily armed policemen had been deployed to the area to restore order.

“We are yet to receive full casualty reports, but any development in that respect will be communicated immediately,” he said.

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PUNCH Online reports that this marks the latest escalation in a protracted dispute over land between the two communities. In less than six months spanning last year and this year, over 30 people—particularly women—have lost their lives in related violence.

Last year, Governor Ahmadu Fintiri invited the warring groups to the Government House in Yola to broker peace. However, just three days after a truce was reached, violence erupted again, claiming over 18 lives.

The governor lifted a curfew in Lamurde last month, believing that stability had returned.

Local sources told PUNCH Online that the two victims were killed in the early hours of Sunday while on their way to church.

At the time of filing this report, the Adamawa State government had not issued an official statement regarding the incident.