

8 killed, 5 rescued in Kebbi farmers-herders clash

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The Kebbi State Police Command has rescued five people following a violent clash between farmers and herders in Gulma town, Argungu Local Government , which claimed eight lives over alleged encroachment on farmland.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bashir Usman, confirmed the incident in a statement made available to journalists in Birnin Kebbi. He said: “The Kebbi State Police Command is investigating a violent farmers-herders clash in Gulma Town, Argungu LG , which resulted in the death of eight persons — one farmer and seven herders.

“The incident occurred on June 22, 2026, when a herder, Yaron Buba Dogo, allegedly allowed his cattle to stray into the farmland of one Aminu Ala, destroying crops. A confrontation ensued, during which the farmer was fatally stabbed in the

neck. Following the incident, an angry mob mobilised, attacked the herder, killed him and set his body ablaze. The mob thereafter carried out further attacks on members of the affected community. Despite the intervention of security operatives, four additional persons were killed and their bodies burnt beyond recognition. Two more corpses were later recovered from a farmland outside Gulma Town.

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“The police subsequently rescued five persons, including a woman, who were trapped during the incident and moved them to safety at the Argungu Police Station.

“A joint security operation has been deployed to the area, while a curfew has been imposed by the government to maintain peace and prevent further escalation. Normalcy is gradually returning as patrols and surveillance continue.”

Usman said investigations were ongoing to identify and apprehend those responsible for the killings.

He added that the Commissioner of Police, Umar M. Hadejia, urged residents to remain calm and law-abiding, assuring the public that all those found culpable would be brought to justice.