

2 policemen, 5 others die in communal clash

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FIVE persons including two policemen have been killed in a clash between farmers and Fulani herdsmen in Biyabiki village, Tsafe local government area of Zamfara State.

Trouble started when about 30 Fulani herdsmen, who were suspected to have come from Niger Republic invaded the village with 5,000 cattle and destroyed

farm produce worth millions of naira.

We gathered that the Fulanis were alleged to have engaged the farmers in a fight "when the (farmers) attempted to prevent them from going into their farms with the animals.

Confirming the incident and the number of deaths, the command's public relations officer, ASP Lawal Abdullahi said the Fulani were in possession

of dangerous weapons including automatic rifle and double barrel guns.

According to him, the Fulani had killed the four persons including the policemen and injured several other villagers before fleeing the village.

The police spokesman said the remains of one Fulani herdsmen were also recovered after the incident while the rest had fled.

He said the command had

already swung into action to effect the arrest of the culprits and called on the people of the state to assist the police with useful information that would lead to the arrest of the hoodlums.

In another development, people of Makera district, Talata Mafara local government area of Zamfara state were last week thrown into a shock following the sudden death of its village head, Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu (Sarkin Makera). The royal father was said to have been burnt in his room with no trace of the cause of the inferno.

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