## 6 killed in fresh violence in Nasarawa

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RESH fighting has erupted between Fulani herdsmen and Eggon farmers in the southern part of Nasarawa state leaving six dead, others injured and several displaced on Thursday.

Trouble reportedly started when an Eggon man from Ruwan Doma community in Bassa town of Doma Local Government Area of the state was attacked by gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen on his way back from the farm.

Weekend Champion gathered that the incident triggered provocation among the Eggon youths whom on retaliation confronted some herdsmenaround the area leaving six dead while others sustained injuries in the fracas.

Our Correspondent, who visited the Dalhatu Araf Specialist Hospital, Lafia where the dead bodies and casualties were taken, observed that other casualties were still being brought to the hospital just as over 1000 displaced persons are currently taking refuge in different locations across Lafia, the state capital and its environs.

Narrating her ordeals in

an interview with Weekend Champion in Lafia, one of the victims, Mrs. Asabe Adamu who is currently taking refuge in Angwan Sabongari Shinge in Lafia said: "On Wednesday night we that Fulani herdsmen had blocked three Eggon men on their way back from the farm and engaged them in a fight that resulted in the death of one of them while others were injured"

Continuing she said: "With this ugly development, we, along with our children had to scamper for safety"

She noted that the invaders came through the water ways and settled with the Fulanis whom we had for long been interacting with each other before unleashing terror on us, revealing that two Eggon boys had earlier been murdered by some gunmen in their rice farm but after consultations with stakeholders, no vengeance were taken until now.

When contacted, the Assistant Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Cornelius Ocholi confirmed the development, noting that the Police had already deployed men of the force to restore normalcy.