

# One killed in land dispute in Plateau

**T**wo different communities of Kadarko village in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State clashed at the weekend in which one person was killed.

Special Adviser to the Plateau State Governor on

**From Ahmed Mohammed,  
Jos**

Media and Public affairs Mr. Dan Manjang confirmed the incident that occurred as a result of a misunderstanding between the communities

over a farmland.

The special adviser did not however give details on the extent of damage done as a result of the incident. He said the situation was brought under control following deployment of armed policemen and other security agencies to restore peace to the area.

"The government has started investigating the incident. And some people were mentioned as the brain behind the rift, including a traditional ruler who is now at large", he said.

Manjang reiterated the state government commitment towards protecting the lives and properties of its citizens and advise people of the state to go about their normal business and report any suspicious character to the relevant authorities for necessary action.

Also confirming the incident to *Daily Trust*, the Police Public Relations Officer for the state police command, Bala Kassim, said a half unit of mobile police were drafted in the area, and they were still patrolling the area to restore permanent peace to the area.

Kassim said one death was recorded during the incident and two people injured. Those injured, he said, are now on admission at a hospital in the area.

## N198m released to 23 states for sanitation

**M**ore than N198 million has been released for the implementation of International Year of Sanitation (IYS) activities in 23 states of the federation for this year.

Mr. Bisi Agberemi, UNICEF Water and Sanitation (WASH) specialist, said in Abuja yesterday.

IYS targets include developing enabling environment to expand sanitation programmes, build one million latrines in 2008 and conducting hand-washing campaigns.

Agberemi said the states to benefit are Abia, Akwa-Ibom, Cross River, Imo, Ebonyi, Benue, Kogi, Ekiti, Edo, Oyo, Osun and Ogun states.

Others are Kaduna, Kebbi, Katsina, Kwara, Zamfara, Taraba, Adamawa, Kano, Bauchi, Jigawa States and the FCT.

Agberemi said 26 states had endorsed the IYS Action Plan and were implementing the activities.

According to him, two million people have benefited from both national and sub-national campaigns in those states.

At the national level, he said, Hand Washing campaign had been launched by the first lady, Hajia Turai Yar'dua and similar campaign had been conducted in 16 states, and various Local Government Areas.

"We had campaigned in 23 states last year, the campaign is on going and stakeholders have been working together to create awareness on hygiene and sanitation," he said.

He said there was no record yet on the number of toilets that had been constructed, saying "construction of latrines is ongoing in at least 26 states in the country".

The UNICEF specialist urged Nigerians to take the message of IYS serious adding that the effort should not be left to UNICEF or the media alone.

*News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) reports the department of Water Supply and Quality Control of Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Water resources with other stakeholders had developed the IYS plan in Nigeria to meet the three targets for 2008.