

Three die in Fulani /farmers clash

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PLATEAU State Commissioner for Information, Gregory Yenlong has said the clash between Fulani cattle rearers and natives of Ron and Rop of Bokkos and Barkin Ladi Local Government Areas of the state resulted in the death of three persons.

The clash was as a result of encroachment on the farmlands of two women in the Ron and Rop communities by Fulani herdsmen and their cattle. The

commissioner explained that the encroachment by the Fulanis destroyed part of the farmlands belonging to the women and that it was while they were protesting that the Fulanis stabbed some women to death. Yenlong said the people retaliated and wounded two Fulanis. He said to address the situation, the government ordered the deployment of police in the area, adding that so far, some arrests have been made.

Yenlong maintained that clashes between farmers and

Fulani cattle rearers in the rainy season occurs in most parts of the country, saying that of Plateau should not be misinterpreted. He said the most important thing was that government was able to handle the situation.

A woman was stabbed to death by persons suspected to be cattle rearers in a village between Barikin Ladi and Bokkos Local Government Areas of Plateau State. Narrating the incident to our correspondent yesterday in Jos, a resident, Alhaji Bashir Abdullahi said the woman who

lived in the village had gone out to inspect her farm when she met cattle rearers who had entered her farm without permission. They argued and fought and the cattle rearer stabbed her to death.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Lerama (PPRO) confirmed the incident, saying "Police received reports of what had happened but we are not yet sure if the persons who stabbed the woman are Fulani cattle breeders, police have picked up some people in the area for questioning and investi-

gation after which we will fish out the culprits". Lerama added that one unit of mobile police men was drafted to the local government to ensure law and order and appealed to the general public to avoid rumour mongering and work towards the sustenance of peace in the state.

In an Interview with newsmen, Gyang Fulani, the member representing Barikin Ladi in the Plateau State House of Assembly condemned what happened and appealed to residents to remain calm.