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## Plateau tribunal sacks council chairman

### 3 feared killed when rival gangs clash in Bauchi

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**T**hree people are feared killed and several others injured when rival local hunters known as Yan Gunda clashed on Monday at the Bauchi state Government House when emirs and chiefs from Bauchi Emirate paid sallah homage to Governor Isa Yuguda.

Our correspondent gathered that the two rival groups from Darazo and Ganjuwa local government areas of the state clashed when the chiefs from Bauchi emirate led by the emir of Bauchi, Alhaji Sulaiman Adamu, went to the Government House to pay the traditional sallah homage to the governor.

Commenting on the incident, a witness, Tasi'u Ladan told reporters that the incident occurred while the governor was delivering his speech when somebody from Ganjuwa attacked another Dan Gunda from Darazo to express the group's age-old rivalry to Yan Gunda from Darazo.

A resident of the area who pleaded for anonymity told our correspondent that the rivalry started years back when Ganjuwa was curved out of the defunct Darazo local Government area. "Since then the two do not see eye to eye," he said.

However, Special Assistant to the governor on Media Malam Sanusi Muhammad said it was not true that the incident led to the death or injury of any body. He said, 'the two groups were competing among themselves using sticks and swords. This happened while the governor was delivering his speech.'

He said because they were wielding weapons, people started running for safety, 'and when the police realised they were disrupting the occasion they asked their chiefs to call them to order. It is not true that anybody was hurt.'

When contacted, the state deputy commissioner of police Abdulmumini Indabawa said he was not in town when the incident took place and was yet to be briefed. The state acting Police PRO ASP Muhammad Abubakar also said the command did not get any signal on the incident.

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