Village head, six others die in clash

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A communal clash between the Lemfa and Gbondifu villages in Niger State over a disputed property has claimed the lives of a village head and six others.

The crisis, according to witnesses, was ignited at the weekend as a result of a disputed fish pond along the River Niger. The pond

has been the cause of bitter quarrels between both communities.

It was further alleged

that some youths went to the village of Gbodifu, and killed the chief and six others as they attempted to wrestle the pond from the

Gbodifu community.

As a result of the clash, houses and other property were burnt while many people were injured.

The Police Public Relations (PPRO) Mr Richard Oguche said both regular and mobile men had been sent to enforce peace in the area.

"It was an unfortunate incident that happened in the community and our men are already on ground to take charge of the situation and they will be there to monitor the situation", he said.