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Ayegba Israel Ebije

19 May 2010

Minna — One person, Yakubu Tswagba, has been killed in Kpatsuwa village in Mokwa area of Niger State in a land dispute between the community and its neighbouring village, Ndafulu. According to an elder in Kpatsuwa, Mr Philip Ahmed, who spoke with Daily Trust yesterday, trouble started between the two communities when the Ndafulu people allegedly decided to use their land without permission.

He alleged that the Ndafulu people attacked Kpatsuwa in the middle of the night, killed one and injured 10 others.

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"The Ndafulu people who are settlers in our community wanted to build a primary school on our land, but we also want to use the land, so we refused and the case was taken before the chairman of the local government and the Etsu Nupe. A delegation was sent by the emir to settle the dispute and the Etsu Nupe urged the settlers to follow due process and avoid confrontations, but they went ahead to recruit people to attack us", he said.

Ahmed accused the police of being insensitive to their plights, saying they were yet to make any arrest as the culprits are still moving around freely and making statements that could cause a fresh crisis. The Niger State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Mr Richard Oguche confirmed the incident, adding that the police were on the trail of those behind the attack. He appealed to the communities to remain calm.

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