

Two persons, 13 cows killed in Tafawa Balewa crisis

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TAFAWA Balewa communities in Bauchi State have alleged that two persons and 13 cows were killed in Lere and Zwall villages in the area.

The area is known for ethno religious clashes for many years. The relocation of headquarters of Tafawa Balewa local government area from Tafawa Balewa to Bununu by the Bauchi State House of Assembly made the area a enjoy relative peace.

Spokesman of the Hausa Fulani commu-

nity and former Tafawa Balewa local government chairman Alhaji Aminu Tukur told newsmen in Bauchi yesterday that "some people within the area reported the incident of theft to JTF in Lere town and the JTF went to Lere and arrested two people."

Tukur said this was not the first time soldiers under JTF were maltreating their people, saying even last month two people were killed by unknown people in the area.

The former council boss also alleged that the Sayawa community slaughtered 13 cows belonging to Yunusa Sale in Lere and JTF sol-

diers had visited the place and no arrest was made.

In his reaction, secretary of the Sayawa traditional council of elders Barrister Bukata Zhadi denied the allegations that the Sayawa people killed Fulani cows, alleging that Hausa Fulani yesterday blocked the road in Zwal and shot three people; one of them died and three were in critical condition.

Police Public Relations Officer for the state DSP Abdullahi Abubakar Idris told *Daily Trust* that the police were not aware about all the incidents.