

11 killed in Adamawa violence

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Eleven persons died while houses and farms were destroyed in a clash at the weekend between pastoralists and farmers at Ngandum village in Ganye chiefdom of Adamawa State.

It was gathered that the violence erupted when pastoralists attacked the farming village of Ngandum after a clash with farmers when herdsmen allegedly led their cattle into rice fields resulting in the death of a farmer. "Farmers armed with guns stormed the Fulani settlements and opened fire on unsuspecting nomads; and we counted 11 dead bodies from the attacks," Gambo Ibrahim, media officer for Adamawa chapter of Miyetti Allah, has said.

He said scores of houses were completely burnt and crops on several farms were destroyed, saying anti riot policemen and other conventional police personnel were re-deployed but tension remains high.

Adamawa police public relations officer DSP Ibrahim Muhammad confirmed the attack, saying the police are on top of the situation and dozens were arrested in connection with the crisis.