

1 killed in another farmers/herders clash at Paikon Kore

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Barely three weeks after four herders were killed and 13 others injured in a clash between Fulani cattle rearers and the farmers at Paikon Kore in Gwagwalada Area Council, another crisis had broken out between the two groups at Shzoko village of the council, killing another Fulani man.

A witness said the incident happened last Wednesday afternoon, after a misunderstanding broke out between a farmer and a Fulani man over alleged killing of a fowl at a farm in the community.

He alleged that the farmer was working on his farm, when one of the fowls, said to belong to the late Fulani man, entered the farm and dug a guinea corn, the incident that was said to have angered the farmer, who then killed the fowl on the spot.

He said on noticing that, the herder

immediately approached the farmer, asking him why he killed his fowl. According to the witness, during the process, a misunderstanding ensued and the farmer allegedly hacked the herder to death on the spot.

"Immediately the Fulani man was killed, elders of the village arrested the farmer and his father and handed him over to the police at Gawu police Out Post," the witness said.

Our reporter gathered that the policemen at the Out Post immediately alerted the Zuba divisional police headquarters and the suspect was moved to the division at Zuba.

It was further learnt that relatives of the deceased header were earlier prevented by the police at Zuba division, from bury him, advising that his corpse be deposited at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital in Gwagwaladan, apparently to aid investigations. But a mortuary attendant at

the hospital later confirmed to *City News* that the corpse was later released to the family on Thursday for burial.

Effort to get the reaction of the Zuba Divisional Police Officer, were not successful, but a police officer at the station confirmed the incident, saying two persons have been arrested in connection to the incident and that investigation is ongoing.

The Chairman of Gwagwalada Area Council, Alhaji Abubakar Jibrin, confirmed the incident, but said he cannot give details yet until he visits the community with other traditional rulers to ascertain the true position of the matter.

"Actually, we received a report that a Fulani man was killed by a farmer at Shzoko village, but we are trying to see how we will visit the community with traditional rulers to ascertain the details of the incident," he said.

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