

## Five killed in Adamawa chieftaincy tussle

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At least five people were killed in a chieftaincy crisis in Kwah community of Lamurde LGA of Adamawa State, Daily Trust gathered yesterday.

Crisis erupted following the removal of the village head, Hama Zakka Mah by the paramount ruler, Hamma Bachama, retired Col.

Stephen Honest Irmiya and his replacement from a different clan.

A resident said a group loyal to the deposed chief stabbed the son of the newly appointed chief, Tamuna Nickson, after he challenged the deposed chief for contesting his removal in court. The source said angry youths wielded dangerous weapons during attacks and counter attacks leaving more than five persons dead.

"When news filtered into town that the son of the newly appointed village head was killed, relatives and supporters of his father started attacking members of Dwenti clan", he said.

According to him, bodies were deposited at the Numan General Hospital where several others are receiving treatment for injuries.

The Hama Bachama, Stephen Honest Irmiya, confirmed the attack but denied removing the village head, saying Mah was deposed by his predecessor over some offences he had committed. He said he and his council members would visit Kwah village to investigate the matter, describing the situation as unfortunate.