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Fresh outbreak of crisis in Taraba



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Fresh violence broke out in Gidin Doruwa community of Wukari LGA of Taraba State yesterday following the discovery of the remains of a man who was killed overnight and dumped at the Nyakwura area of the community.

It was learnt that aggrieved youths after discovering the corpse, went on rampage, killing people and burning houses. A resident told Daily Trust on

phone that many lives were lost and dozens of houses were burnt.

He said: "As I speak with you now, Gidin Doruwa is on fire. Houses are being burnt and lives are being lost. The town has been deserted", a resident told Daily Trust on phone. He said it was the seventh time Gidin Doruwa would witness such crisis and he urged the government to bring an end to the killings. He said it was difficult to ascertain the casualty figure as fighting was still on when our correspondent called.

Taraba State Police Commissioner, Ademola Omole, said policemen had been drafted to the area and were able to contain the mayhem. He said violence erupted in Gidin Doruwa following the killing of a man said to be Chamba by tribe.

Ademola said about 100 youths mobilised from neighbouring villages on motorcycles to the area on a revenge mission but took to their heels when they saw the police.

He said some arrests were made while some of the motorcycles used to the area had been impounded. But he said only one person was killed, though residents reported many deaths. He said an Armoured Personnel Carrier was also stationed in the area alongside the security personnel.

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